

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Assignment and Assumption of Grant Agreement, required by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, for tree planting at nine parks in Northeast Los Angeles and Boyle Heights.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the assignment of the Growing a Green Oasis: Trees as Safe Havens for East Los Angeles, Grant Project, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(8) [Maintenance of existing landscaping] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Section 15301 of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk.
2. APPROVE the assignment by Community Partners to the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the assumption by RAP of the maintenance obligations regarding the "Use of Facilities" as set forth in Section J.2. of the Proposition A Grant Agreement (Grant Agreement), detailed in Attachment 2 of the April 21, 2022 Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) report, attached to the Council file, for the project "Growing a Green Oasis: Trees as Safe Havens for East Los Angeles" (Grant), subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor pursuant to Section 14.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, RAP, or designee, to execute the Assignment and Assumption of Grant Agreement (AAGA) in the form detailed in Attachment 1 of the April 21, 2022 Board report, attached to the Council file, and as requested by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), which assigns the maintenance obligations of the Grant as set forth in Section J.2. of the Grant Agreement to RAP from the original grantee, Community Partners (a nonprofit), to RAP as assignee, subject to the approval of the City Council and Mayor, and the City Attorney as to form.
4. AUTHORIZE the Chief Accounting employee, RAP or designee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75 for the purpose of filing a NOE.
5. AUTHORIZE RAP staff to make any technical adjustments to the AAGA as necessary to carry out the intent of the April 21, 2022 Board report, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board reports that the Grant has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On June 14, 2022, your Committee considered the April 21, 2022 Board report relative to authorizing the execution of the AAGA, required by Los Angeles County RPOSD, for tree planting at nine parks in Northeast Los Angeles and Boyle Heights. The report attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE:	YES
BONIN:	YES
WESSON:	ABSENT

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