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NO. 12=054

February 15, 2012

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:

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PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (ROUND TWO) - AUTHORIZATION TO ASSUME GRANT APPLICATIONS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES; COMMUNITY AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Approve the assumption, transfer, and submission of seven Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications, which were originally filed by the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), for the proposed capital improvement projects, Arts District Park, Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion, Fashion District Park, Monsignor Romero Park Plaza, Placita Del Seoul, San Pedro Neighborhood Park, and Wilshire Center / Koreatown Central Park Phase II, to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration:
- Adopt the attached Resolutions (Attachments A-G), which authorize the City of Los Angeles 2. to apply for funds under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for the Arts District Park, Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion, Fashion District Park, Monsignor Romero Park Plaza, Placita Del Seoul, San Pedro Neighborhood Park, and Wilshire Center / Koreatown Central Park Phase II projects and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project;

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- 3. Direct staff to transmit forthwith a copy of the accompanying resolutions to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for City Council approval;
- 4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant applications to the Mayor, CAO, CLA, and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
- 5. Authorize the Department's General Manager to accept and receive the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant funds, if awarded, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
- 6. Designate the Department'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 applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the Department to assume and transfer the grant applications formally submitted by CRA/LA and necessary for the completion of the project(s); and
- 7. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant funds, if awarded.

SUMMARY:

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" (Proposition 84), which authorizes \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds for a number of State grant programs. One of the grant programs created is the Statewide Park Program. A total of \$368 million has been dedicated to this program to make grant awards to projects that demonstrate the creation of new park and recreation facilities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities throughout California on a competitive basis in two rounds (\$184 million available each round).

The Request for Proposals for Round One of the Statewide Park Program was released in September 2009. The Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) submitted grant applications for nine worthy projects; however, due to the competitiveness of the hundreds of statewide applications submitted for consideration, none of the Department's projects were funded. Of the nearly 500 applications submitted representing \$1.6 billion in grant funds requested, 62 projects were awarded for a total of \$184 million in grant awards.

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In January 2011, the State released a Request for Proposals for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. The grant application deadline for Round Two was July 1, 2011.

On June 6, 2011 the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) authorized the General Manager to submit three Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications and supported the submittal of eight Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications by various organizations working in partnership with the Department (Board Report No. 11-167). Additionally, on June 27, 2011 the Board authorized the General Manager to submit one additional Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant application (Board Report No. 11-196). The twelve aforementioned grant applications, and the agencies that submitted them, were:

Department of Recreation and Parks		
Albion Riverside Park	CD 1	
Kittridge/Vineland Park	CD 2	4
West Lakeside Street Park	CD 7	-
York/Avenue 50 Park	CD 14	
Trust for Public Land (TPL)		
Colden Avenue Park	CD 8	
Lexington and Madison Park	CD 13	3
South Victoria Avenue Park	CD 8	
Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT)		
98th Street Park	CD 15	2
Vermont and 81st Street Park	CD 8	2
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)		
111th Place Neighborhood Park	CD 15	2
51st Place Neighborhood Park	CD 8	2
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA)		
El Dorado Avenue Park/Pacoima Wash Greenway	CD 7	1
Total Projects		12

Furthermore, there were eight Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications that were submitted by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA). These grant applications, which were developed in coordination with Department staff, were prepared and submitted by the CRA/LA with the intent to turn the completed projects over to the Department so the Department could operate and maintain the parks and park improvements (Council File No. 10-0540). The eight grant applications submitted by the CRA/LA were:

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Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA)		
Arts District Park	CD14	
Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion	CD 9	
Fashion District Park	CD 9	
Monsignor Romero Park Plaza	CD 13	
Placita Del Seoul	CD 4	
San Pedro Neighborhood Park	CD15	
Wilshire Center / Koreatown Central Park Phase II	CD 10	
Vermont Median Park Phase II	CD 9	
Total Projects		8

All told, a total of twenty grant applications were submitted by the Department or organizations, such as the CRA/LA, working in partnership with the Department for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program.

On February 1, 2012, all the redevelopment agencies in California, including the CRA/LA, were dissolved by the State. The CRA/LA is now known as a "local designated authority" whose functions are now limited to close-out activities to be performed under the direction a local Governing Board, a County-wide Oversight Board, and the State Department of Finance. The local designated authority will be responsible for winding down CRA/LA obligations, liquidating assets of the CRA/LA, and transferring certain CRA/LA functions to other entities. Given that CRA/LA functions are currently being closed out, the local designated authority will not accept or implement, the eight Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications that were submitted by the CRA/LA.

Consequently, the Department has been in contact with the State to discuss the process for the Department to become the applicant for the eight Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant applications that were submitted by CRA/LA. The State has informed the Department that it is open to having the Department named as the applicant for these grant applications, in place of the CRA/LA, pending the submission of application documents and materials, documentation, and the attached Resolutions (Attachments A-G). The deadline to submit the requested documents, materials, and Resolutions is March 1, 2012.

Department staff, working closely with staff from other City Departments and Bureaus (e.g., CAO, CLA, BOE, Mayor's Office, Council Offices, etc.), has reviewed the eight grant applications that were submitted by CRA/LA and determined that it would be appropriate and feasible to assume and transfer seven of these applications to the Department. The seven proposed capital improvement projects are as follows:

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Applications Proposed to be Assumed by Department		
Arts district park	CD 14	
Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion	CD 9	
Fashion District Park	CD 9	
 Monsignor Romero Park Plaza 	CD 13	
Placita Del Seoul	CD 4	
San Pedro Neighborhood Park	CD 15	
Wilshire Center / Koreatown Central Park Phase II	CD 10	
Total Projects		7

A summary of the scope, and a project concept, for the seven projects the Department is proposing to assume, transfer, and submit is provided in Attachment H of this report.

The assumption and transfer of these seven grant applications to the Department would not guarantee funding of the applications, but would allow these projects to continue to be considered for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program. It is anticipated that the grant award decision for the second round of competitive grants for the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program will be announced sometime in the next two months.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, as lead agency for the seven projects for which the City/Department is proposing to be the applicant, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The appropriate CEQA documentation will be submitted for consideration and approval when each project under the grant is brought back before the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The assumption, transfer, and submission of grant applications, approval of authorizing resolutions, and resolutions accepting designated projects has no impact on the Department's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion, which is estimated to be by 2019, are currently unknown.

This report was prepared by Darryl Ford, Management Analyst, of the Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division.

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Arts District Park project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
- 2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
- 3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
- 4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and
- 5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
- 2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Fashion District Park project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
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WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Monsignor Romero Park Plaza project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Placita Del Seoul project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
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WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the San Pedro Neighborhood Park project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
- 2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

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Approves the filing of an application for the Wilshire Center Koreatown Central Park Phase II project, and

- Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project(s) included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project(s); and
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Arts District Park

Project Scope:

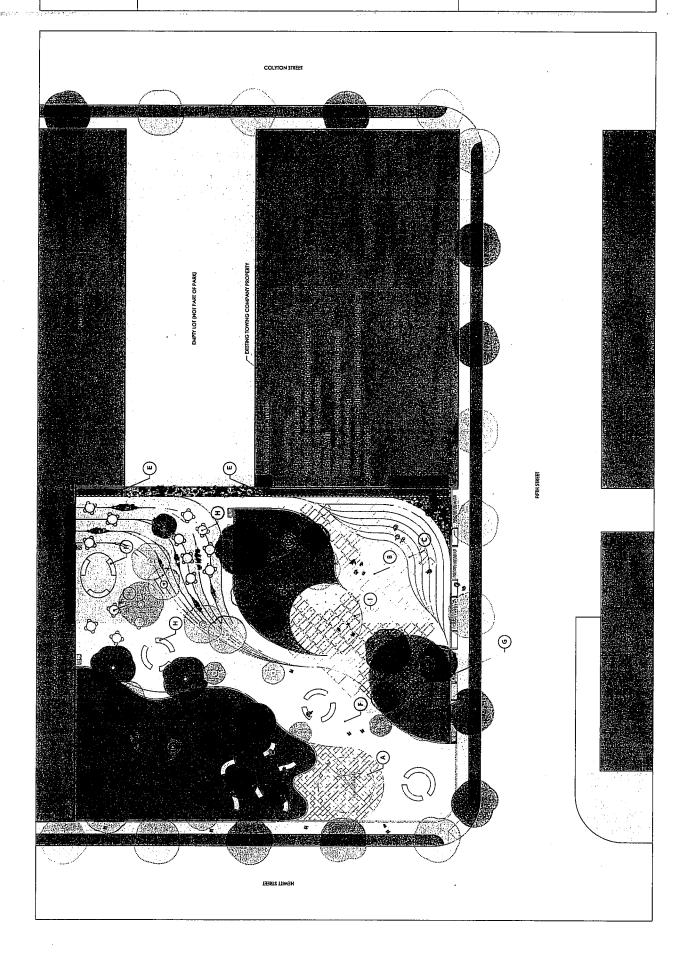
 Construction of a 0.5 acre park on property to be leased from the Department of Water and Power. Project will include picnic areas, open space, and a small paved plaza.

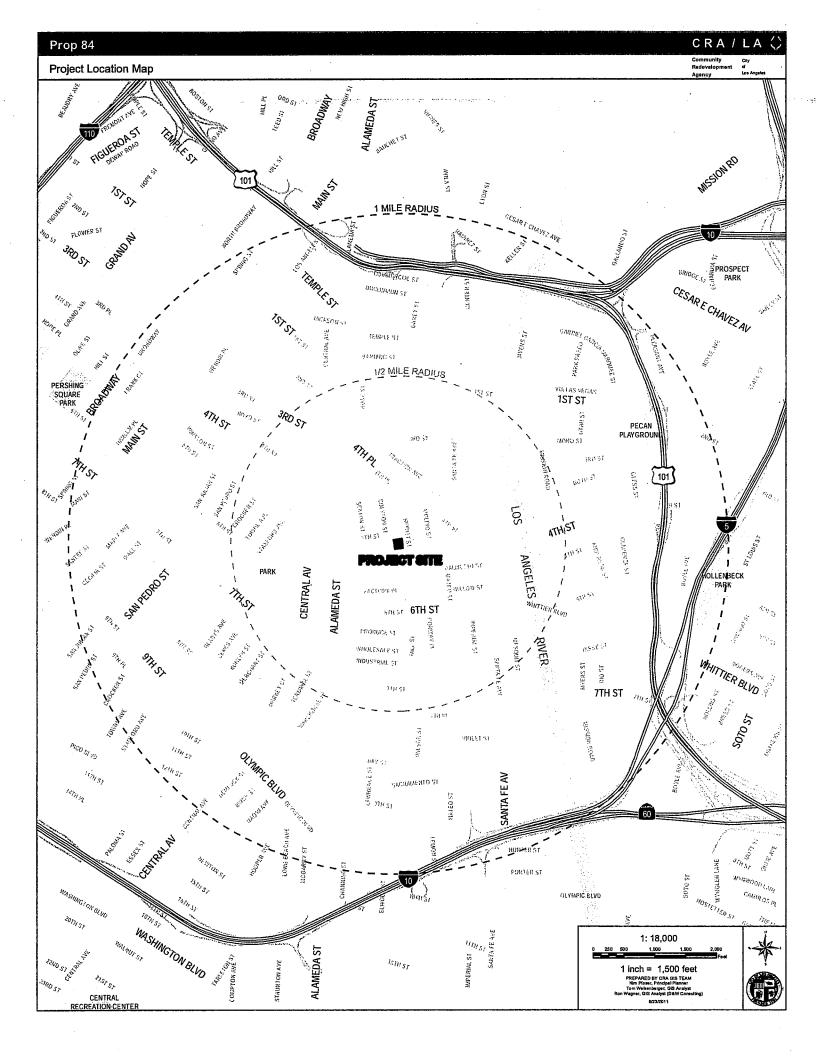
Project Address:

- 501 South Hewitt Street
- Council District 14

Grant Request:

\$2,500,000





Central Avenue Jazz Park Expansion

Project Scope:

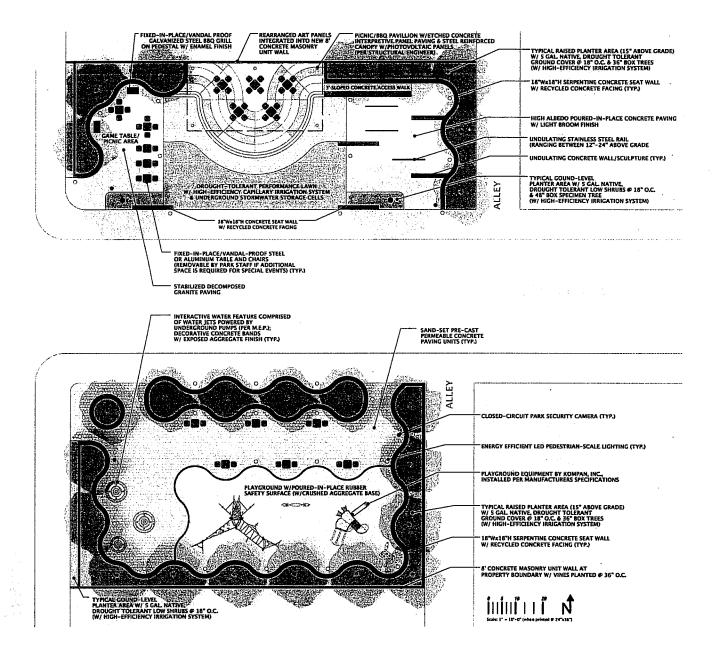
 Expansion and Improvement of the existing Central Avenue Jazz Park.
 Project will redevelop the existing 0.19 acre park and acquire an adjacent 0.23 acre parcel for additional open space and a new children's play area.

Project Address:

- 4250 South Central Avenue
- Council District 9

Grant Request:

\$3,332,939



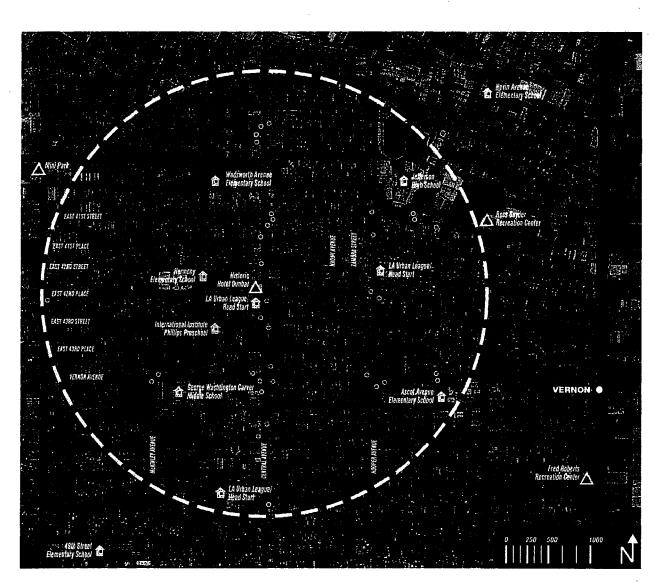
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Concept Level Site Plan



Jazz Park expansion (south) featuring an interactive water feature, play equipment, and seating walls built from recycled concrete



LEGEND

- EXISTING CENTRAL AVENUE JAZZ PARK
- PROPOSED PARK EXPANSION
- -O- METRO BLUE LINE
- EXISTING BUS STOP
- EXISTING SCHOOL
- ▲ EXISTING PARK/RECREATION CENTER
- ▲ EXISTING LANDMARK

 0.5 MILE RADIUS/20 MINUTE WALK

Fashion District Park

Project Scope:

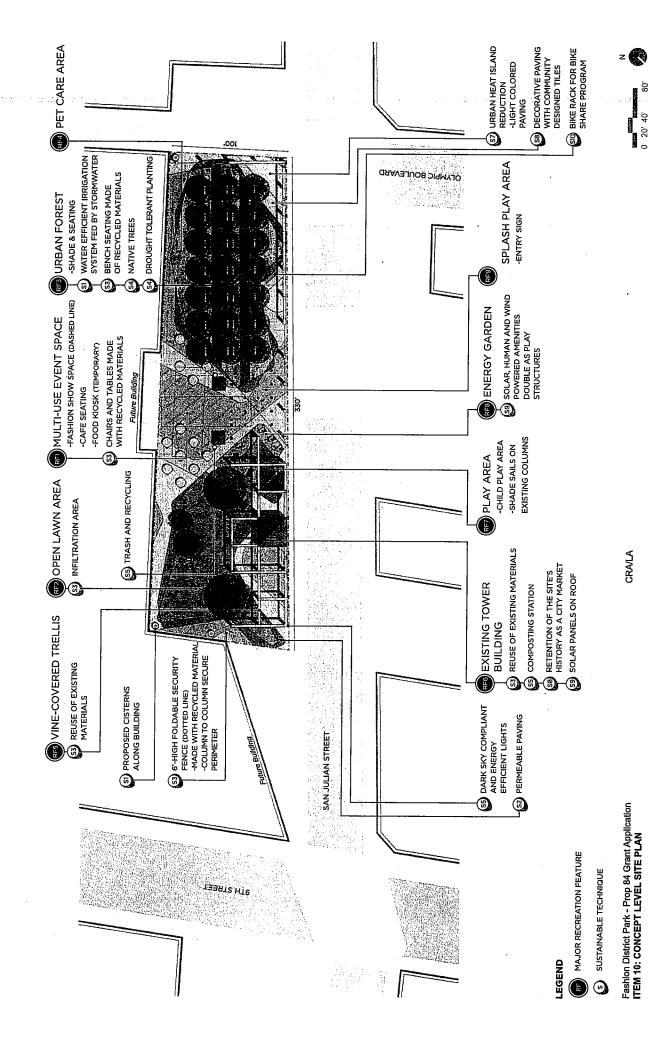
Acquisition and development of a 0.75
 acre site in Downtown Los Angeles.
 Project will include a children's play area,
 open space, and multi-use plaza and
 event space.

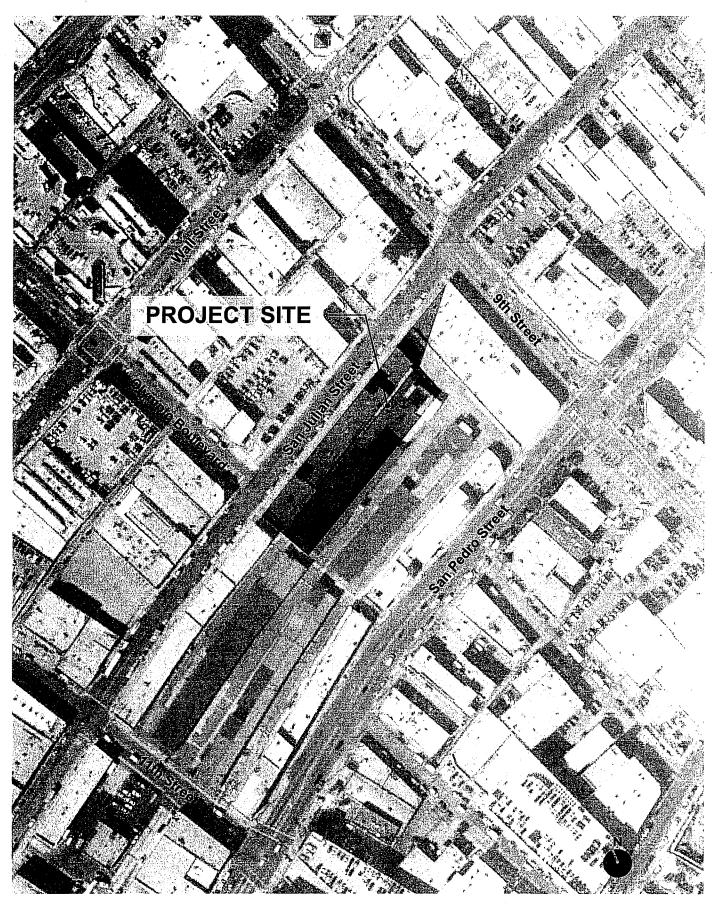
Project Address:

- 915 South San Pedro Street
- Council District 9

Grant Request:

• \$4,999,960





Fashion District Park - Prop 84 Grant Application ITEM 11: PROJECT LOCATION MAPS

Monsignor Romero Park Plaza

Project Scope:

 Development of new plaza and seating area in MacArthur Park, along Alvarado Street.

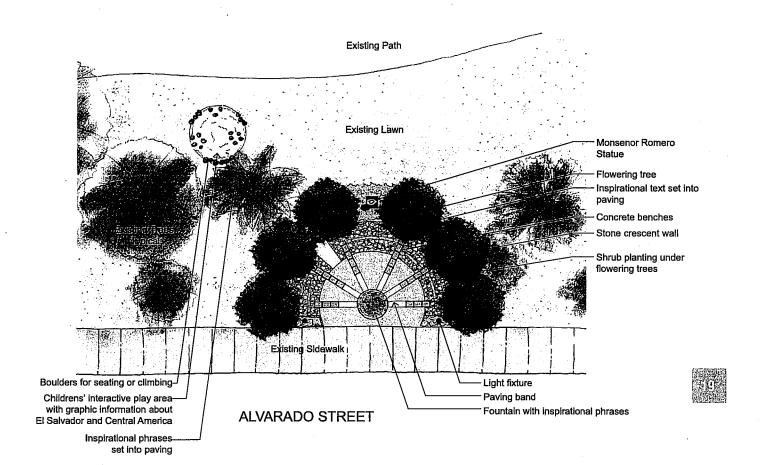
Project Address:

- 2230 West 6th Street
- Council District 1

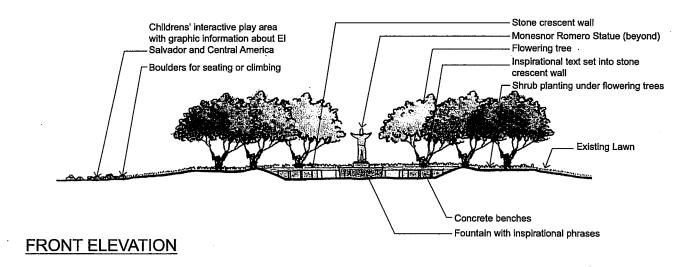
Grant Request:

\$500,000

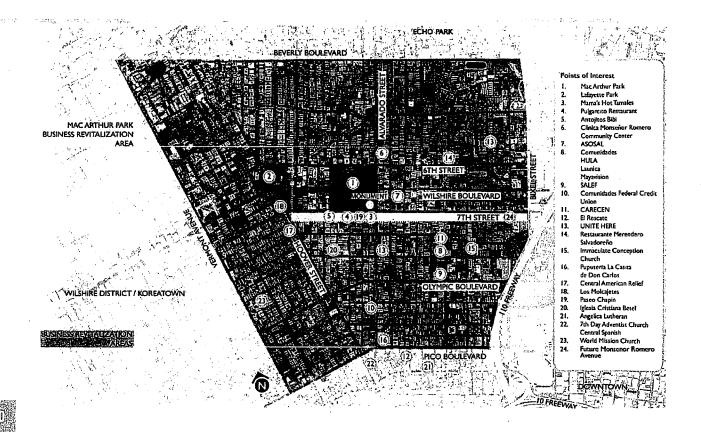
Concept Level Site Plan



CONCEPT PLAN



Project Location Map



Placita Del Seoul

Project Scope:

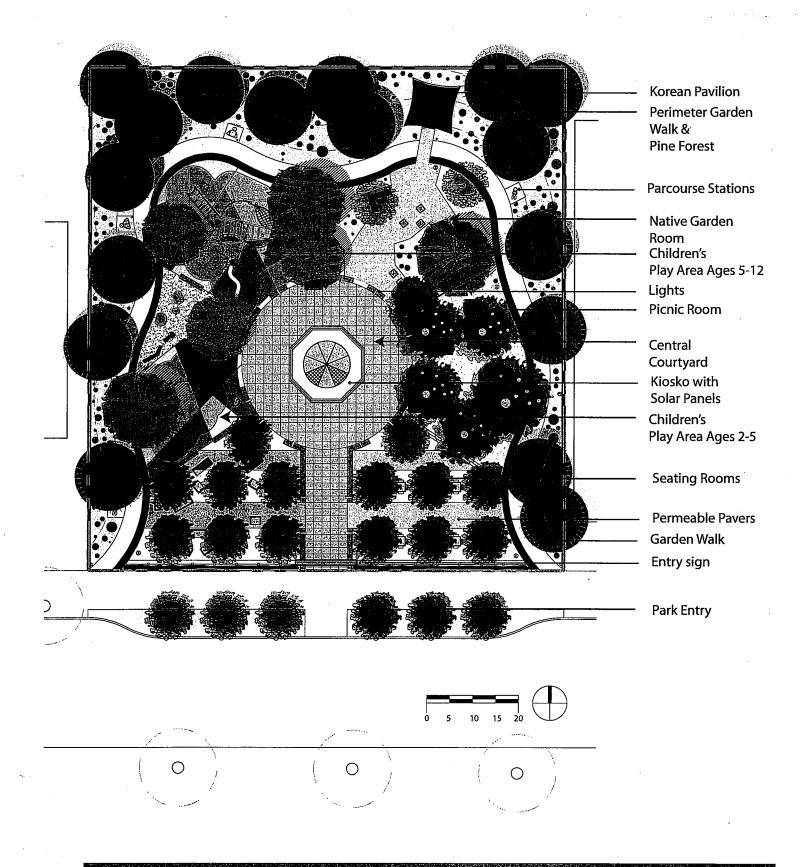
Acquisition and development of a 0.5
 acre property currently used by the US
 Postal Service for fleet parking. Project
 will include picnic areas, a children's play
 area, a native garden, and outdoor fitness
 equipment.

Project Address:

- 535 South Kingsley Street
- Council District 4

Grant Request:

• \$4,639,873





San Pedro Neighborhood Park

Project Scope:

Acquisition and development of a 0.4
acre vacant lot in San Pedro. Project will
include picnic areas, a walking path, and
a children's play area.

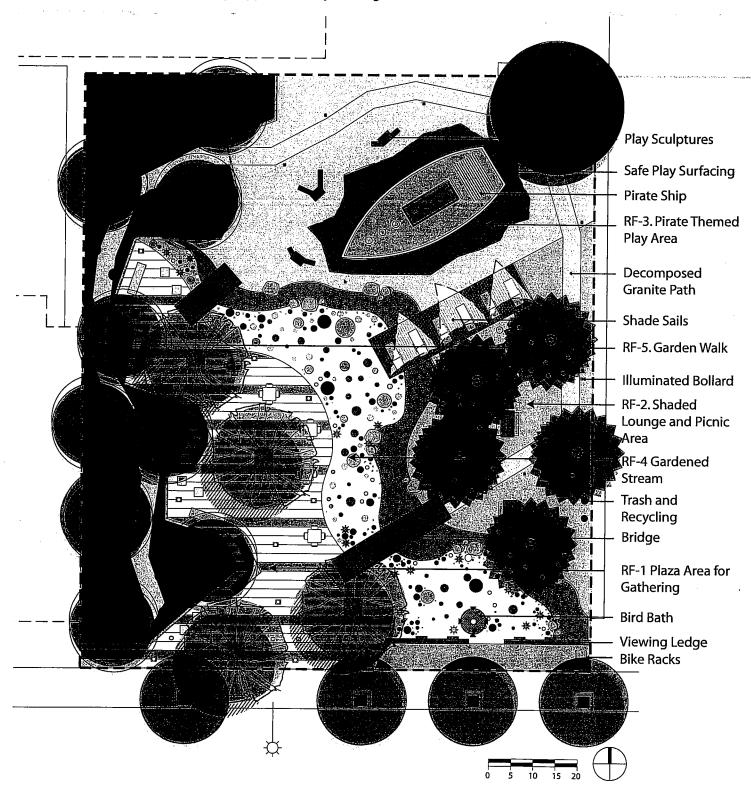
Project Address:

- 420-424 West 9th Street
- Council District 15

Grant Request:

\$2,182,295

Additional Call-Out describing support amenity or design feature



9TH STREET



Wilshire Center Koreatown Central Park Phase II

Project Scope:

Acquisition and development of a 0.36
 acre property to serve as an expansion to
 a proposed new neighborhood park in
 Koreatown. Project will include open
 space, picnic areas, and decorative
 seating areas.

Project Address:

- 3670 Wilshire Boulevard
- Council District 10

Grant Request:

\$1,618,663



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