


INFORMATIONAL BOARD REPORT

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

August 03, 2023

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JIMMY KIM, General Manager 
SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications addressed to the Board have been received by the Board Office, and the action taken thereon is presented.

| <u>From</u> | | <u>Action Taken</u> |
|---|--------|-----------------------------|
| Griffith Park Pony Ride comments | | Referred to General Manager |
| 1) Michael Ferraro comments regarding Flat Top Park | #9393a | Referred to General Manager |
| 2) Sue Pascoe comments regarding Palisades Rec Center/George Wolfberg Bathrooms | #9429 | Referred to General Manager |
| 3) Hollywoodland neighbors' comments regarding large advertising balloon | #9430 | Referred to General Manager |
| 4) Juli Ramirez comments regarding Board Report 23-134 | #9431 | Referred to General Manager |
| 5) Brooke Klein comments regarding Potrero Canyon dead space land clearing | #9432 | Referred to General Manager |
| 6) Chris Spitz comments regarding Potrero Canyon dead space land clearing | #9432a | Referred to General Manager |
| 7) Maryam Zar comments as Pacific Palisades Community Council President Park Advisory Board Secretary regarding Signs at Pacific Palisades Park | #9433 | Referred to General Manager |
| 8) Jen Linck comments regarding Pershing Square Concerts | #9434 | Referred to General Manager |
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| 9) Andrew Sachs comments regarding Crestwood Hills Park | #9435 | Referred to General Manager |
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Prepared by Carolyn Shannon-Joyner, RAP Commission Office



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Flat Top Follow-Up

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 27, 2023 at 7:33 AM

To: Michael Ferraro <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Jul 26, 2023 at 7:11 PM Michael Ferraro <

> wrote:

Good Evening, Mr Kim:

As promised, North East Trees is following up our letter of June 9th regarding the transfer of Flat Top Park to the City of Los Angeles.

Attached, you will find digital copies of a new cover letter (sent concurrently by mail), accompanied by a list of the property's obligations, encumbrances and issues-- as requested by RAP's Darryl Ford-- along with supporting documentation for those items.

Once the materials have been received and reviewed, we look forward to working with you all on an amended agreement to make the transfer happen.

respectfully yours (in carbon sequestration),

Michael X. Ferraro - Board President

NORTH EAST TREES

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to creating green space and good jobs in Los Angeles

"If faith moves mountains, what's it take to leave them alone?" - Todd Snider

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North East Trees

Bringing Nature Back

July 26, 2023

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Dear Mr. Kim, Board President Simril, and Board Vice President Sanchez:

Warm greetings to you all in the swelter of July. This is the promised follow-up letter regarding North East Trees (NET), the City of Los Angeles, and the 36.37 acres of land known as Flat Top Park.

We write not only to reiterate NET's desire to expeditiously transfer the land to the City, as was the mutually agreed plan in 2014, but to share a list of encumbrances, obligations and issues associated with the property. This is being done at the request of RAP's Darryl Ford, in order to help move the process forward. *(Attached with the digital version sent via email, please find our internal list, supplemented by supporting documentation for grants and other items.)*

Once this list has been reviewed and we've addressed any follow-up questions or needs for more information, NET officially requests an opportunity to sit down with RAP and the County (as well as the office of CD1 Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez) to draft an amended agreement.

Popular consensus is that Flat Top Park should be under City ownership—as the late Supervisor Gloria Molina, the City, and local stakeholders (led by Roy Payan) fully intended. We strongly concur, and at the same time envision a future where NET continues in our role as thoughtful stewards of this land. We hope to write more essential grants and cultivate real growth opportunities, by hiring and training more young adults from the area to help nurture a true Northeast LA “greenbelt” into existence.

North East Trees, Inc. |

| NET is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered in California.
Gifts to NET are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. Our tax ID is 95-4320174.



North East Trees

Bringing Nature Back

We look forward to having that conversation, and more importantly, to helping make it a reality. We want to see environmental justice served, by transferring the Flat Top property and giving the people of the surrounding communities the restorative park and open space they deserve.

Sincerely yours (in carbon sequestration),

Michael X. Ferraro
President, Board of Directors
North East Trees

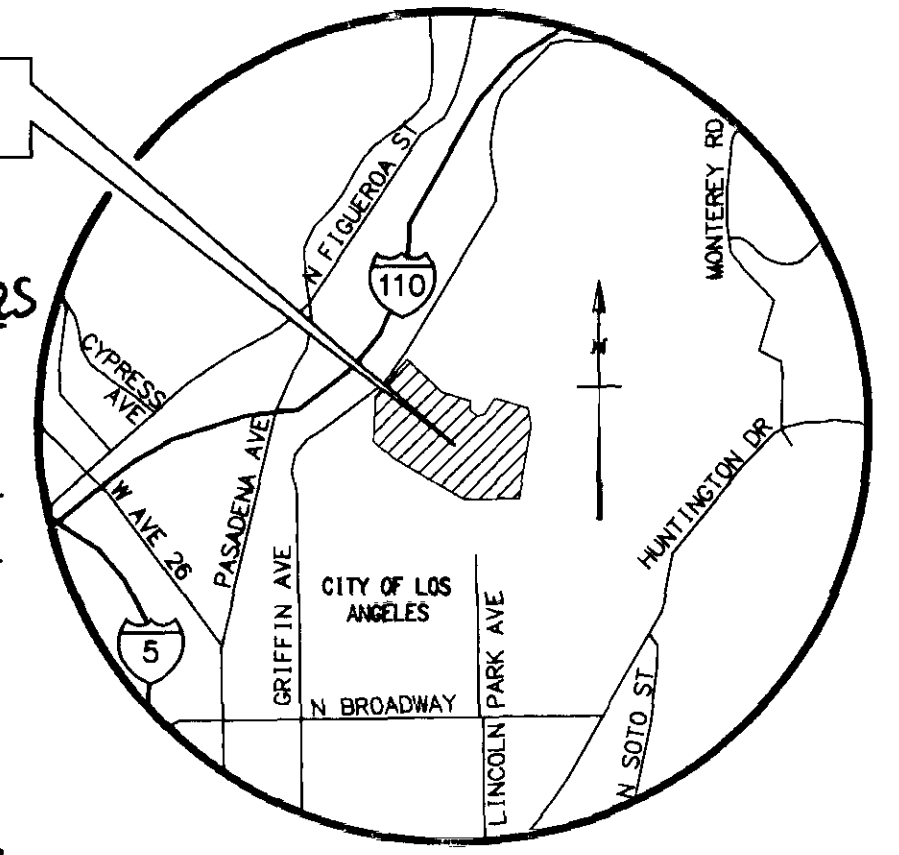
(enclosures: attached digitally – NET Flat Top List, w/ original Grant Agreement; SMMC Grant; Coastal Conservancy Grant, Urban Greening CAL FIRE; Survey; Neighbor List)



RECORD OF SURVEY

IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BEING A SURVEY OF A PORTION OF PLAT OF TRACT NO. 1198, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 17, PAGES 194 & 195, OF TRACT MAPS, RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

PROJECT SITE



FILED AT REQUEST OF
City of Los Angeles
1pm MIN PAST 30
IN BOOK 314
AT PAGE 9-11
OF RECORD OF SURVEY
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
BY *[Signature]*
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VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE

ACCURACY STATEMENT

HORIZONTAL COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 8801-8819, INCLUDING A LOCAL ACCURACY LEVEL OF 2 CENTIMETERS (0.06 FEET). CIRCULAR ERROR PROBABLE AT THE 95% CONFIDENCE LEVEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMMITTEE "GEOSPATIAL POSITIONING ACCURACY STANDARD, PART 2, GEODETIC CONTROL NETWORKS" FGDC-STD-007.2 - 1998.

SURVEY PURPOSE:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SURVEY IS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 8762 (b)(3) OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT:

THIS MAP HAS BEEN EXAMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8766 OF THE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR'S ACT THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

BY: *[Signature]*
DEPUTY COUNTY SURVEYOR



SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT:

THIS MAP CORRECTLY REPRESENTS A SURVEY MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECTION IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR'S ACT AT THE REQUEST OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IN LOS ANGELES, CA, SEPTEMBER, 2018.

[Signature]
RICHARD M. SULLIVAN, PLS 8957
PSOMAS

10/15/19
DATE



LEGEND

- STREET R/W LINE
- BOUNDARY LINE
- CENTER LINE
- LOT LINE / PARCEL LINE
- PWFB LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FIELD BOOK
- CEFB LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENGINEER FIELD BOOK
- INDICATES FOUND MONUMENTS AS NOTED
- INDICATES SET MONUMENTS 2" IRON PIPE AS NOTED TAGGED LS 8957
- ◁ INDICATES SET SPIKE & WASHER AS NOTED TAGGED LS 8957
- ◇ INDICATES SET LEAD & TACK AS NOTED TAGGED LS 8957
- R1 TRACT NO. 1198, MB 17, PGS 194-195
- R2 TRACT NO. 104, MB 14, PG 50
- R3 CEFB 144-221, PG 144
- R4 CEFB 144-225, PG 119
- R5 CEFB 144-225, PG 120
- R6 CEFB 144-225, PG 192
- R7 CEFB 8108, PG 67
- R8 CEFB 15902, PG 49
- R9 PWFB 1422, PGS 69-70
- R10 CEFB 141-221, PG 137
- R11 CEFB 15902, PG 48
- R12 CEFB 144-225, PG 513
- R13 CEFB 144-225, PG 514
- R14 CEFB 141-225, PG 508
- R15 CEFB 141-225, PG 160
- R16 CEFB 141-225, PG 159
- R17 CEFB 15902, PG 18
- R18 CEFB 141-225, PG 174
- R19 CEFB 15902, PG 42
- R20 CEFB 141-225, PG 109
- R21 CEFB 141-225, PG 105
- R22 CEFB 141-225, PG 104
- R23 GILLIG TRACT, MB 3, PG 73
- R24 PWFB 1422, PGS 51-52
- R25 CEFB 1901, PG 5
- R26 CEFB 15903, PG 41
- R27 CEFB 15110, PG 2
- R28 CEFB 4907, PG 12
- R29 CEFB 141-225, PG 131
- R30 CEFB 141-225, PG 130
- R31 CEFB 141-225, PG 132
- R32 CEFB 141-225, PG 129
- R33 CEFB 15902, PG 43
- R34 CEFB 141-225, PG 107
- R35 CEFB 141-225, PG 108
- R36 CEFB 15903, PG 59
- R37 MAP OF THE MEADOW GLEN TRACT, MR 21, PG 85
- R38 THE J. G. WHITTAKER TRACT, MR 19, PG 69
- R39 CEFB 2301, PG 1
- R40 TRACT NO. 4919, MB 45, PG 100
- R41 MONTECITO PARK, MB 11, PGS 77-78
- R42 CORRECTED PLAT OF J. G. WHITTAKER TRACT, MR 31, PG 7
- R43 CEFB 15107, PG 1
- R44 CEFB 15110, PG 10
- R45 CHULA VISTA TRACT, MB 13, PG 70
- R46 CEFB 15110, PG 4
- R100 CEFB 144-225, PG 186
- D1 EASEMENT FOR STREET PURPOSES, BOOK 10316, PG. 263
- D2 EASEMENT FOR STREET PURPOSES, BOOK 10317, PG. 209
- D3 EASEMENT FOR STREET PURPOSES, BOOK 10363, PG. 117
- D4 EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS & UTILITIES INSTRUMENT NO. 20141324177
- D5 TAX DEED, INSTRUMENT NO. 20091547185
- D6 QUITCLAIM DEED, INSTRUMENT NO. 20110587150
- D7 TAX DEED, INSTRUMENT NO. 201317745446
- D8 GRANT DEED, INSTRUMENT NO. 20170619997

BASIS OF BEARINGS

BASIS OF COORDINATES
ASSUMED LOCAL COORDINATE SYSTEM WITH GRID-TO-GROUND SCALE FACTOR OF 1.00000000 AND ORIGIN AT CONTROL STATION NO 46 BEING A RR SPIKE FOUND AT CENTERLINE PI OF AVENUE 39 AND IS LOCATED 156.55' SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF AVENUE 39 AND BERENICE AVE AND AS SHOWN ON CEFB-8108-67. SAID STATION NO. 46 HAS COORDINATE VALUE OF NORTH 1854470.13 AND EAST 6499518.51 AS LISTED ON NAVIGATELA.ORG.

BASIS OF BEARINGS
THE BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED UPON THE CALIFORNIA COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983, CCS83, ZONE 5, (2017.50) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 8801-8819; SAID BEARINGS ARE BASED LOCALLY UPON FIELD-OBSERVED TIES TO THE FOLLOWING CALIFORNIA SPATIAL REFERENCE NETWORK, OR EQUIVALENT STATIONS:

REFERENCED CSRC STATIONS CONNECTED

| STATION | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | ELEVATION |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| CIT1 | 34°08'12.145302" | 118°07'38.186382" | 820.53 |
| PKRD | 34°04'17.610449" | 118°13'58.413097" | 546.17 |
| JPLM | 34°12'17.347033" | 118°10'23.577022" | 1503.11 |
| BKMS | 33°57'44.124381" | 118°05'40.874932" | 154.51 |

MAPPING ANGLE AND GRID FACTOR

| STATION | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | MAPPING ANGLE |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | COMBINATION FACTOR | ELEVATION | |
| 46 | 34-05-16.815587 0.9999717105 | 118-12-18.949739 353.04 | -0°07'01.21" |

DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON ARE GROUND DISTANCES. TO APPROXIMATE CCS83 GRID DISTANCES MULTIPLY THE DISTANCES BY THE COMBINATION FACTOR PROVIDED HEREON.

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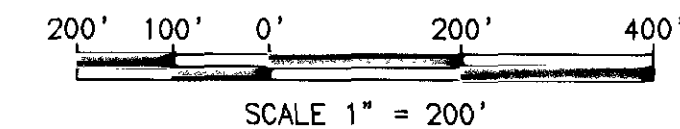
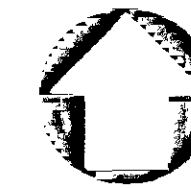
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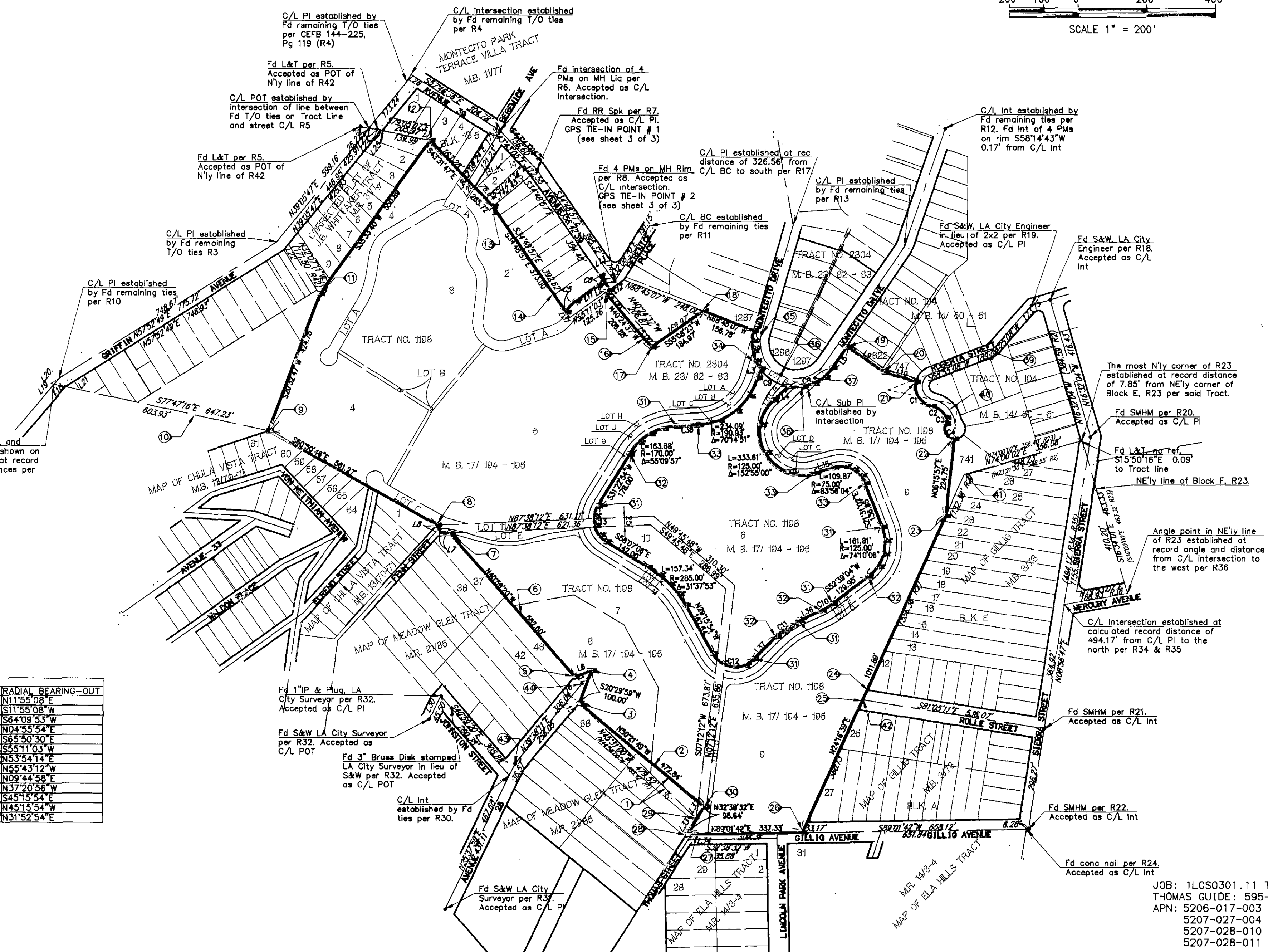
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| LINE TABLE | | | LINE TABLE | | |
|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| LINE | BEARING | DISTANCE | LINE | BEARING | DISTANCE |
| L1 | S34°48'57"E | 50.00' | L18 | N77°47'16"W | 33.93' |
| L2 | N55°11'03"E | 16.69' | L19 | N77°47'16"W | 9.36' |
| L3 | N16°18'00"E | 27.46' | L20 | S57°52'49"W | 27.05' |
| L4 | N47°27'50"E | 58.58' | L21 | S40°04'09"W | 0.83' |
| L5 | S34°16'51"W | 74.99' | L22 | S39°05'47"W | 21.13' |
| L6 | S71°05'49"W | 52.15' | L23 | N79°05'04"W | 25.11' |
| L7 | N87°38'12"E | 25.50' | L24 | S79°05'08"E | 8.92' |
| L8 | N27°08'30"W | 27.53' | L25 | N79°05'07"W | 5.67' |
| L9 | N55°38'10"W | 131.48' | L26 | S32°07'41"W | 25.05' |
| L10 | N73°10'56"W | 97.11' | L27 | N43°31'47"W | 25.80' |
| L11 | N55°11'03"E | 81.68' | L28 | S32°09'24"W | 50.71' |
| L12 | N55°11'03"E | 50.00' | L29 | S55°11'03"W | 50.00' |
| L13 | N55°11'03"E | 25.00' | L30 | S25°40'41"W | 73.77' |
| L14 | N34°46'45"W | 38.90' | L31 | N34°48'57"W | 18.82' |
| L15 | S50°21'49"E | 30.00' | L32 | S32°38'32"W | 40.82' |
| L16 | N39°38'11"E | 49.99' | L33 | S32°38'32"W | 54.82' |
| L17 | N50°21'49"W | 30.00' | L34 | S32°53'38"W | 35.99' |
| L35 | S74°32'54"W | 60.02' | | | |
| L36 | S65°19'06"W | 72.26' | | | |
| L37 | S44°44'06"W | 92.68' | | | |
| L38 | N86°32'51"E | 66.23' | | | |

| CURVE TABLE | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| CURVE | RADIUS | ARC LENGTH | DELTA ANGLE | RADIAL BEARING-IN | RADIAL BEARING-OUT |
| C1 | 60.00' | 94.32' | 90°04'02" | S78°00'50"E | N11°55'08"E |
| C2 | 60.00' | 54.71' | 52°14'44" | S64°09'53"W | S11°55'08"W |
| C3 | 20.00' | 19.16' | 54°54'01" | N60°56'06"W | S64°09'53"W |
| C4 | 30.00' | 59.76' | 114°07'59" | S60°56'08"E | N04°55'54"E |
| C5 | 78.13' | 42.31' | 31°01'33" | S34°48'57"E | S65°50'30"E |
| C6 | 20.00' | 31.42' | 90°00'00" | N34°48'57"W | S55°11'03"W |
| C7 | 128.27' | 117.27' | 52°22'56" | S73°42'51"E | N53°54'14"E |
| C8 | 128.27' | 146.57' | 65°28'14" | N09°45'03"E | N55°43'12"W |
| C9 | 128.27' | 98.85' | 44°09'20" | N53°54'18"E | N09°44'58"E |
| C10 | 175.00' | 38.69' | 12°40'02" | N24°40'54"W | N37°20'56"W |
| C11 | 225.00' | 80.83' | 20°35'00" | S24°40'54"E | S45°15'54"E |
| C12 | 75.00' | 138.75' | 106°00'00" | N60°44'06"E | N45°15'54"W |
| C13 | 75.00' | 117.16' | 89°30'00" | S58°37'06"E | N31°52'54"E |



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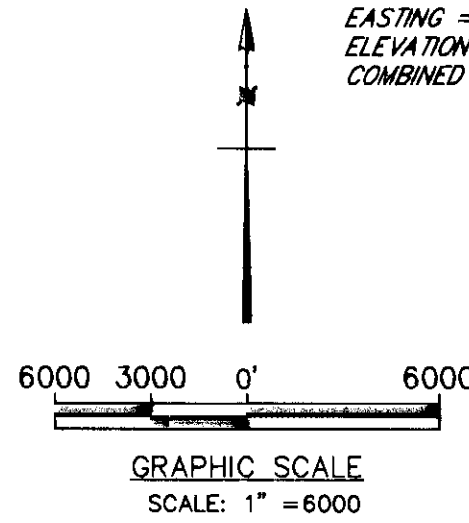
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CRSC CORS STATION "JPLM"
 NORTH LATITUDE = 34°12'17.347033"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°10'23.577022"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,896,964.643 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,509,293.189 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 1503.11 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 0.99990060



GPS TIE-POINT # 1
 NORTH LATITUDE = 34°05'12.815660"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°12'18.949779"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,854,472.113 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,499,516.372 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 466.76 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 0.99990060
 (see sheet 2 of 3)

CRSC CORS STATION "PKRD"
 NORTH LATITUDE = 34°04'17.610449"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°13'58.413097"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,848,505.388 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,491,137.033 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 546.17 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 0.99990060

GPS TIE-POINT # 2
 NORTH LATITUDE = 34°05'13.572472"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°12'16.227109"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,845,143.798 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,499,744.699 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 527.86 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 0.99990060
 (see sheet 2 of 3)

CRSC CORS STATION "Q11"
 NORTH LATITUDE = 34°08'12.145302"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°07'38.186382"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,872,156.851 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,523,152.754 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 820.53 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 1.00001824

CRSC CORS STATION "BKMS"
 NORTH LATITUDE = 33°57'44.11653"
 WEST LONGITUDE = 118°05'40.86581"
 CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS)
 ZONE 5, NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983 (2017.50 EPOCH)
 NORTHING = 1,808,659.328 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 EASTING = 6,532,954.600 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 ELEVATION = 154.51 U.S. SURVEY FEET
 COMBINED FACTOR = 1.00001432

BOUNDARY NOTES

- ① Portion of Lot 7, R1 overlaps R37
- ② SWly line of Lot 60, Block 1, R37 established at record angle from NWly line of Lots 68-71, Block 1 of R37 per R37.
- ③ SWly corner of Lot 60, Block 1, R37 established by record angles and distances from C/L of Ave 28 per R29
- ④ The most Nly corner of Lot 60, Block 1, R37 established by distance - distance intersection per R29
- ⑤ NEly corner of Lot 43, Block 1, R37 established by record angles and distances from C/L of Ave 28 per R29
- ⑥ NEly line of Lots 37 and 43, Block 1, R37 established parallel to the C/L of Johnston St and through the NEly corner of Lot 43, Block 1 of per R37
- ⑦ NEly corner of Lot 37, Block 1, R37 established by intersection
- ⑧ NEly corner of Lot 1, R45 established at record distance of 561.27' from northwest per R44
- ⑨ SWly corner of Lot A, R2 established at record distance of 637.86' from the C/L of Griffin Ave per R43
- ⑩ Traverse line as shown on R43 established at record deflection angle from C/L of Griffin Ave per said R43.
- ⑪ SEly corner of Lot 10, Block G, R42 established at record distance of 171.50' from the NWly corner of said Lot 10 per R42
- ⑫ NEly corner of Lot 1, Block G, R38 established at record distance of 139.99' from the most Wly corner of Lot 2, R40 per R39
- ⑬ SEly corner of Lot 3, Block 14, R41 established by intersection
- ⑭ SWly line of Lots 1018-1027 of R2 established parallel to and 141.95' SWly from NEly line of said Lots per said Tract.
- ⑮ The most Wly corner of Parcel 2, D1 established at record distances and angles per D1. Fd 2" IP, 1.67' below grade, no reference, N07°25'22"E 0.05' from said corner.
- ⑯ SWly line of Parcel 2 described in D1, established per record angles and distances per said (D1)
- ⑰ The most Sly corner of Parcel 2, D1 established at record distance and angles per D1. Fd 2" IP, leaning north, no reference, N07°38'24"E 1.04' from said corner.
- ⑱ The most Ely corner of Parcel 1, D1 established at record distance per D1. Fd 2" IP & Tag, RE 509, Dn 18" per R9 S25°38'08"W 0.23' from said corner.
- ⑲ The most Wly corner of Lot 822 1/2 R2 established by proration per said R2
- ⑳ Fd 2" IP, RE 509, Dn 10", no ref. accepted as PI in SWly line of Lot 822 1/2 of R2.
- ㉑ The most Sly corner of Lot 822 1/2 of R2 established by proration per said R2
- ㉒ NWly corner of Lot 741, R2 established by proration per said R2
- ㉓ The most Sly corner of Lot 741, R2 established at record distance of 132.38' from NW corner of Block E, R23 per R2
- ㉔ SW corner of Block E, R23 established by intersection
- ㉕ Fd 2" IP & Tag, RE 509, Dn 1.0', no ref. accepted as POT on NWly line of R23
- ㉖ Fd 2" IP, Dn 1.6' per R25. Accepted as SE Corner Lot Z, R2.
- ㉗ Fd Spk in lieu of S&T, Dn 0.9' per R28, accepted as POT on SW line of Lot Z, R2
- ㉘ SW Corner Lot Z, R2. Established by intersection.
- ㉙ The most Sly Corner of Lot 7, R1 established at record calculated distance of 54.82' from SW Corner of Lot Z, R2 per R1
- ㉚ SE corner of Lot 60, Block 1, R37 established by intersection
- ㉛ Established at record distance and angle from northeast per, R1
- ㉜ Established at record arc length and radius from northeast per, R1
- ㉝ The most SEly corner of Lot C of R46 established by holding rec'd arc length and radius per said R46
- ㉞ Fd 2" IP & W, LACS per R16. Accepted as C/L Sub PI
- ㉟ Fd S&W, LACS per R16. Accepted as C/L BC
- ㊱ Fd S&W, LACS per R15. Accepted as C/L MOC
- ㊲ Fd S&W, LACS per R14. Accepted as C/L POT
- ㊳ Fd S&W, LACS per R14. Accepted as C/L POT
- ㊴ Fd 1" IP in lieu of 2x2 per R19. Accepted as C/L PI
- ㊵ Centerline of Roberta St established at record angles and distances from the tangent element to northeast per R33.
- ㊶ NWly corner of Block E, R23 established at record distance of 688.74' from SW corner of Block E, R23 per R2
- ㊷ Int of C/L Rolle St and NW line of R23 established at record angle and distance from C/L of Sierra St per R21.
- ㊸ Fd S&W LA City Surveyor per R30 Accepted as C/L PI.
- ㊹ Fd 1" IP & Plug, LA City Surveyor per R29. Accepted as NEly terminus of C/L Ave 28.

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 Los Angeles, CA 90071
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 THOMAS GUIDE: 595-B6
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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| PROJECT TITLE | Urban Greening in North East LA | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | North East Los Angeles | COUNTY | Los Angeles |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
| CONTACT | Henry Herrera, Regional Urban Forester | | |
| ADDRESS | 23300 Castle Street Riverside, CA 92518 | PHONE | (213)200-7115 |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

North East Trees, a non-profit organization, plans to plant and establish 3,500 total trees. 500 #15 trees will be planted and established in developed settings such as along street parkways, in developed parks, and on public building grounds in the City. 1,000 #5 trees will be planted and established on private residential properties. 500 #15 trees, 1,000 #5 trees, and 500 #1 trees will be planted and established in and adjacent to open space city parks, Cal State LA campus and surrounding neighborhoods. Tree species will be drought tolerant and low maintenance. All planting activities will be completed using hand tools.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
 - Statutory Exemption (state code section):
 - Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
 - Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
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REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, populations and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

Matthew Reischman

Matthew Reischman, Deputy Director Date
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
AGREEMENT SUMMARY
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CHECK HERE IF ADDITIONAL PAGES ARE ATTACHED

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| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME North East Trees (Flat Top Park) | | 2. FEDERAL I.D. NUMBER 95-4320174 |
| 3. AGENCY TRANSMITTING AGREEMENT Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | 4. DIVISION, BUREAU, OR OTHER UNIT | 5. AGENCY BILLING CODE 010507 |
| 6a. CONTRACT ANALYST NAME Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director | 6b. EMAIL skei@smmc.ca.gov | 6c. PHONE NUMBER |

7. HAS YOUR AGENCY CONTRACTED FOR THESE SERVICES BEFORE?
 No Yes (If Yes, enter prior Contractor Name and Agreement Number)
 PRIOR CONTRACTOR NAME _____ PRIOR AGREEMENT NUMBER _____

8. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES
 A matching grant for habitat restoration and watershed enhancement project for Flat Top Park near the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco.

9. AGREEMENT OUTLINE (Include reason for Agreement: Identify specific problem, administrative requirement, program need or other circumstances making the Agreement necessary; include special or unusual terms and conditions.)
 To enhance the existing native habitat by tree-planting, control of invasive species (such as the aggressive Tree of Heaven), and to establish rain gardens and bio-swales to capture runoff. Local youth will be hired for project work. The grant is to be matched with approximately \$170,000.00 from other funding sources.

10. PAYMENT TERMS (More than one may apply)

Monthly Flat Rate Quarterly One-Time Payment Progress Payment
 Itemized Invoice Withhold _____ % Advanced Payment Not To Exceed _____ or _____ %
 Reimbursement / Revenue
 Other (Explain) _____

11. PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

| FUND TITLE | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR | CHAPTER | STATUTE | PROJECTED EXPENDITURES |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| Proposition 1 | 3810-101-6083 | 17/18 | 14 | 2017 | \$497,250.00 |
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| OBJECT CODE | AGREEMENT TOTAL | \$497,250.00 |
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| OPTIONAL USE P0237 | AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT |
| | PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT |

I certify upon my own personal knowledge that the budgeted funds for the current budget year are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above.

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| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE |
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| ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE  | ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S NAME (Print or Type) LEEZA JOY BALANAY | DATE SIGNED 01/21/2020 |
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12. AGREEMENT

| AGREEMENT | TERM FROM | TERM THROUGH | TOTAL COST OF THIS TRANSACTION | BID, SOLE SOURCE, EXEMPT |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Original | 2/25/2019 | 6/30/2021 | \$497,250.00 | Exempt |
| Amendment 1 | | | | |
| Amendment 2 | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | \$497,250.00 | |

13. BIDDING METHOD USED

- Request for Proposal (RFP) (Attach justification if secondary method is used)
 Use of Master Service Agreement
 Invitation for Bid (IFB)
 Exempt from Bidding (Give authority for exempt status)
 Sole Source Contract (Attach STD. 821)
 Other (Explain) N/A - Local Assistance

Note: Proof of advertisement in the State Contracts Register or an approved form STD. 821, Contract Advertising Exemption Request, must be attached

14. SUMMARY OF BIDS (List of bidders, bid amount and small business status) (If an amendment, sole source, or exempt, leave blank)
 N/A - Local Assistance

15. IF AWARD OF AGREEMENT IS TO OTHER THAN THE LOWER BIDDER, EXPLAIN REASON(S) (If an amendment, sole source, or exempt, leave blank)
 N/A - Local Assistance


16. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING THAT THE PRICE OR RATE IS REASONABLE?
 N/A - Local Assistance

17a. JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTING OUT (Check one)

- Contracting out is based on cost savings per Government Code 19130(a). The State Personnel Board has been so notified.
 Contracting out is justified based on Government Code 19130(b). When this box is checked, a completed JUSTIFICATION - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 547.80 must be attached to this document.
 Not Applicable (Interagency / Public Works / Other _____)

17b. EMPLOYEE BARGAINING UNIT NOTIFICATION

- By checking this box, I hereby certify compliance with Government Code section 19132(b)(1).

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| AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE  | SIGNER'S NAME (Print or Type) Ms. Irma Muñoz | DATE SIGNED 05/08/19 |
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18. FOR AGREEMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000: Has the letting of the agreement been reported to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing? No Yes N/A

19. HAVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES BEEN IDENTIFIED AND RESOLVED AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONTRACT MANUAL SECTION 7.10? No Yes N/A

20. FOR CONSULTING AGREEMENTS: Did you review any contractor evaluations on file with the DGS Legal Office? None on file No Yes N/A

21. IS A SIGNED COPY OF THE FOLLOWING ON FILE AT YOUR AGENCY FOR THIS CONTRACTOR?
 A. Contractor Certification Clauses No Yes N/A
 B. STD 204 Vendor Data Record No Yes N/A

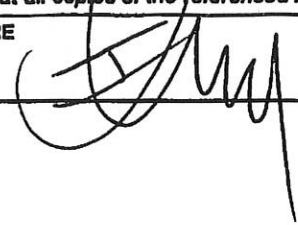
22. REQUIRED RESOLUTIONS ARE ATTACHED
 No Yes N/A

23. IS THIS A SMALL BUSINESS AND/OR A DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS CERTIFIED BY DGS?
 No Yes
 SB/DVBE Certification Number: _____

24. ARE DISABLED VETERANS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOALS REQUIRED? (If an amendment, explain changes if any) No (Explain below) Yes _____ % of Agreement
 N/A - Local Assistance

25. IS THIS AGREEMENT (WITH AMENDMENTS) FOR A PERIOD OF TIME LONGER THAN THREE YEARS? No Yes (If Yes, provide justification below)

I certify that all copies of the referenced Agreement will conform to the original agreement sent to the Department of General Services.

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| SIGNATURE  | NAME/TITLE (Print or Type) Ms. Irma Muñoz, Chairperson | DATE SIGNED 05/08/19 |
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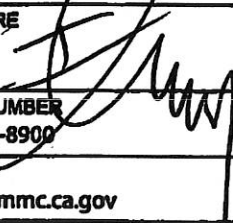
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JUSTIFICATION - CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 547.60

In the space provided below, the undersigned authorized state representative documents, with specificity and detailed factual information, the reasons why the contract satisfies one or more of the conditions set forth in Government Code section 19130(b). Please specify the applicable subsection. Attach extra pages if necessary.

N/A - Local Assistance

The undersigned represents that, based upon his or her personal knowledge, information or belief the above justification correctly reflects the reasons why the contract satisfies Government Code section 19130(b).

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| SIGNATURE  | NAME/TITLE(Print or Type) Ms. Irma Muñoz, Chairperson | DATE SIGNED 06/08/19 | |
| PHONE NUMBER (323) 221-8900 | STREET ADDRESS 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 300 | | |
| EMAIL grants@smmc.ca.gov | CITY Los Angeles | STATE CA | ZIP 90065 |

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STANDARD AGREEMENT
 STD 213 (Rev 06/03)

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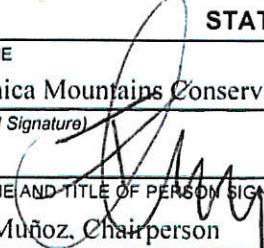
- This Agreement is entered into between the State Agency and the Contractor named below:

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| STATE AGENCY'S NAME Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| CONTRACTOR'S NAME North East Trees (Flat Top Park) |
- The term of this Agreement is: 2/25/2019 through 6/30/2021
- The maximum amount of this Agreement is: \$ 497,250.00
- The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

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| Exhibit A – Scope of Work | 1 page(s) |
| Exhibit B – Budget Detail and Payment Provisions | 1 page(s) |
| Exhibit C* – General Terms and Conditions | GTC 610 |
| Check mark one item below as Exhibit D: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit - D Special Terms and Conditions (Attached hereto as part of this agreement) | page(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit - D* Special Terms and Conditions | |
| Exhibit E – Additional Provisions | 27 page(s) |
| Board Materials | |
| Other Materials | |

Items shown with an Asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto. These documents can be viewed at www.ols.dgs.ca.gov/Standard+Language

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

| CONTRACTOR | | California Department of General Services Use Only |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| CONTRACTOR'S NAME (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.) North East Trees | | |
| BY (Authorized Signature)  | DATE SIGNED (Do not type) 4/22/19 | |
| PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING Mark Kenyon, Executive Director | | |
| ADDRESS 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90065 | | |
| STATE OF CALIFORNIA | | |
| AGENCY NAME Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | | |
| BY (Authorized Signature)  | DATE SIGNED (Do not type) 05/07/18 | |
| PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING Ms. Irma Muñoz, Chairperson | | |
| ADDRESS 5750 Ramirez Canyon, Malibu, California 90265 | | |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt per: SCM Vol. 1 Sections 4.01, 4.04, and 4.06 |

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**EXHIBIT A
(Standard Agreement)**

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Contractor agrees to provide to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) the following as described herein:
To enhance the existing native habitat by tree-planting, control of invasive species, and to establish rain gardens and bioswales to capture runoff at the Flat Top Park, in accordance with Board Materials date February 25, 2019.
2. The services shall be performed within the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone.
3. The services shall be provided during normal business hours.
4. The project representatives during the term of this agreement will be:

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| State Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | Contractor: North East Trees |
| Name: Chief Deputy Director | Name: Mark Kenyon |
| Phone: (310) 589-3200 ext. 112 | Phone: (323) 441-8634 |
| Fax: (310) 589-2408 | Fax: |

Direct all inquiries to:

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|---|---|
| State Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | Contractor: North East Trees |
| Section/Unit: Government Programs | Section/Unit: |
| Attention: Budgets, Grants, and Contracts Officer | Attention: Mark Kenyon |
| Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, California 90065 | Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90065 |
| Phone: (323) 221-8900 x 116 | Phone: (323) 441-8634 |
| Email: smith@smmc.ca.gov | Fax: |

EXHIBIT B
(Standard Agreement)

BUDGET DETAIL AND PAYMENT PROVISIONS

1. Invoicing and Payment

- A. For services satisfactorily rendered, and upon receipt and approval of the invoices, the State agrees to compensate the contractor for actual expenditures incurred in accordance with the rates specified herein, which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- B. Invoices shall include the Agreement Number and shall be submitted in triplicate not more frequently than monthly in arrears to:

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Attn: Budgets, Grants and Contracts Officer
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90065

- C. Refer to additional billing information for more details.

2. Budget Contingency Clause

- A. It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the program, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to Contractor or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement and Contractor shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement.
- B. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer an agreement amendment to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount.

3. Prompt Payment Clause

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, Government Code Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927.

North East Trees Flat Top Park
Proposition 1
3810-P01-1912

Additional General Provisions

A. Definitions

1. The term “Act” as used herein means the . . .
Prop 1: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1).
2. The term “CEQA” as used herein means the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. Seq; Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et. seq.
3. The term “Contract” as used herein means an agreement between the State and Grantee specifying the payment of Grant Money by the State for the performance of Project goals within the Project Performance Period by the Grantee.
4. The term “Grantee” as used herein means the party described as the Grantee on page 1 of this Contract.
5. The term “Grant Moneys” as used herein means funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by the Act.
6. The term “Project” as used herein means the project described in Section B of Exhibit E.
7. The term “Project Performance Period” as used herein means the period of time that the Grant Moneys are available, and the time in which the Project must be complete, billed and paid as described in Section C of Exhibit E.
8. The term “State” as used herein means the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
9. The term “Contractor” as used herein means the party described as the Grantee on page 1 of this Contract.

B. Project Description

The Grantee shall be responsible for enhancing the existing native habitat by tree-planting, controlling of invasive species, and establishing rain gardens and bioswales

to capture runoff at the Flat Top Park in accordance with Conservancy Board materials dated February 25, 2019 (attached). Grantee shall ensure that the Conservancy receives full recognition for providing funding under this Grant Agreement in any and all publication of the deliverables under this Grant Agreement. Examples include, but are not limited to, signage recognizing the contribution at any physical project sites and the Conservancy's name and logo on any and all materials, press releases and publicity materials, documents, websites, or other forms of presentation regarding this project. The Conservancy shall have the right to use any and all such materials produced as a result of this Grant Agreement.

For Projects that involve land acquisition:

- 1.1 Prior to purchasing fee title or a lesser interest in eligible land, the Grantee (buyer) must submit necessary information to the Grant Manager. This information must include:
 - 1.1.1 An estimate of the current fair market value of the land interest to be purchased. To establish the fair market value, the Grantee will obtain one independent appraisal. One independent review appraisal will be required to review all appraisal reports and to prepare a written report of the review. All appraisals and the review appraisal must be prepared by real property appraisers currently licensed by the State of California Office of Real Estate Appraisers as a Certified General Appraiser.
 - 1.1.2 A written statement of the proposed procedure and timing of the purchase of the land interest.
 - 1.1.3 A written statement that the land is suitable for its intended uses, and that the Grantee is solely responsible for the mitigation of a hazardous material that may be found during the development of the site.
 - 1.1.4 If not included in the appraisals, an adequate map showing the location of the proposed project including the land/easement proposed for purchase. Adequacy will be determined by the Grant Manager.
- 1.2 Open an escrow account with an institution licensed by the California Department of financial Institutions and obtain the services of an escrow company that has complied with the requirements of Division 6 of the California financial code, commencing with Section 17000.

1.3 Provide the escrow company with the Purchase and Sale Agreement outlining the terms and conditions by June 30, 2021.

1.3.1 Execute and deliver to the Grant Manager an original of the Purchase and Sale Agreement to include the terms of escrow and the seller's restrictions during the term of the escrow, if any.

1.3.2 Provide the escrow company with all required deposit amounts and required insurance information.

1.3.3 Processing of grant deeds shall occur as part of the escrow instructions, and the grant deed will be recorded when all escrow instructions have been completed and immediately after escrow closes on or before June 30, 2021. If all of the property interest is not purchased, any funds disbursed under this Agreement must be returned to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and any penalties for arbitrage on interest earned will be paid by the Grantee.

1.3.4 Close escrow and finalize the acquisition.

C. Project Period

The project period shall be from February 25, 2019 to June 30, 2021, unless such time period is extended by the State.

D. Project Execution

1. Subject to the availability of Grant Moneys in the Act, the State hereby grants to the Grantee a sum of money (Grant Money) not to exceed the amount stated on page 1 of this contract in consideration of and on condition that the sum be expended in carrying out the purpose as set forth in the Description of Project and under the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.

Unless otherwise determined by the State, Grantee agrees to assume any obligation to furnish any additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project. Any modification or alteration in the Project as set forth in the Application on file with the State must be submitted to the Executive Director of State for approval.

EXHIBIT E

2. The State and the Grantee hereby agree and acknowledge that the State's obligation to disburse the Grant Moneys under this Contract are explicitly conditioned upon Grantee's securing matching funds on a 1:1 ratio to the total amount approved by this Contract. Grantee will have the obligation to provide the State with proof of said matching funds as part of Grantee's payment requests and/or invoices to the State. In the event that Grantee is unable to provide proof of secured matching funds equal to the total Grant Moneys requested in any particular payment request/invoice, the State shall have no obligation to disburse any further Grant Moneys until such proof is provided.
3. Grantee agrees to complete the Project in accordance with the time of Project Performance Period, and under the terms and conditions of this Contract.
4. Grantee shall comply as lead agency with a California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.)
5. If the Project includes development, the Grantee shall comply with all applicable current laws and regulations affecting development projects, including, but not limited to, laws affecting health and safety, hazardous materials, historical preservation, environmental impacts, building standards, and the like.
6. Grantee agrees to permit periodic site visits by the State to determine if development work is in accordance with the approved Project Description including a final inspection upon Project completion.
7. Grantee agrees to submit any significant deviation from the original Project Description to the Executive Director of State for prior approval.
8. If the Project includes acquisition of real property, the Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable state and local laws or ordinances affecting relocation and real property acquisition. Documentation of such compliance will be made available for review upon request by the State.
9. Grantee agrees to provide reasonable public access to lands acquired in fee with Grant Moneys except where that access may interfere with habitat protection.
10. Grantee agrees to comply with applicable prevailing wage requirements.

11. All informational products (e.g., data, studies, findings, management plans, manuals, photos, etc.) relating to California's natural environment and produced with the use of public funds shall be cataloged in the California Environmental Information Catalog (<http://gis.ca.gov/catalog/>) maintained by the CERES Program (www.ceres.ca.gov).
11. To the extent that such state rates are available to Grantees, Grantee agrees to abide by travel expenses and per diem rates set at the rate specified by the Department of Personnel Administration for similar employees. In the event that such state rates are not available, actual travel expenses in excess of state rates will be reimbursed only upon certification that state rates were not available.
12. Recipients of grant funding shall post signs and/or include appropriate documentation within the deliverables of the Grant acknowledging the source of the funds pursuant to direction and approval by the Conservancy. The Conservancy may withhold the final disbursement pending acknowledgement of the funding source in the manner approved by the Conservancy.

E. Project Costs

The Grant Moneys to be provided Grantee under this Contract may be disbursed as follows:

1. For acquisition Projects: Acquisition of real property shall be from a willing seller of a fee interest or any other interest. The State may disburse to Grantee the amount of the purchase price together with cost allocation or overhead and incident acquisition costs.
2. For development Projects: The State may disburse to Grantee the Grant Moneys on proof of award of a construction contract or commencement of construction by force account including cost allocation and project administration costs, up to one hundred percent of the total Grant, or the actual cost, whichever is less.
3. The dollar amount of an item in the Project Budget may be increased by up to ten percent (10%) through reallocation of funds from another item or items, without approval by the Conservancy; however, the Grantee shall notify the Conservancy in writing when any such reallocation is made and shall identify both the item(s) being increased

and those being decreased. Any increase or decrease of more than ten percent (10%) in the amount of an item must be approved in writing by the State. The total amount of the Grant Funds may not be increased without Board Approval.

4. Indirect costs are costs that have been (1) incurred for common or joint objectives and (2) cannot be readily identified with a particular project or program. The Conservancy encourages Grantees to keep these costs as low as possible and requests information regarding these costs with the Grantee Data Sheet. These costs are to be stated in the agreement budget as a separate line item.

F. Work Products

1. Grantee shall ensure that the Conservancy receives full recognition for providing funding under this Grant Agreement in any and all publication of the deliverables under this Grant Agreement. Examples include, but are not limited to, signage recognizing the contribution at any physical project sites and the Conservancy's name and logo on any and all materials, documents, websites, or other forms of presentation regarding this project. The Conservancy shall have the right to use any and all such materials produced as a result of this Grant Agreement.
2. All material, data, information, and written, graphic or other work produced, developed or acquired under this agreement is subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the Conservancy to use, reproduce, publish, display, and make derivative use of all such work, or any part of it, free of charge and in any manner and for any purpose; and to authorize others to do so. If any of the work is subject to copyright, trademark, service mark, or patent, the Conservancy is granted and shall have a perpetual, royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable license to use, reproduce, publish, use in the creation of derivative works, and display and perform the work, or any part of it, and to grant to any third party a comparable and coextensive sublicense.
2. The grantee shall include in any contract with a third party for work under this agreement terms that preserve the rights, interests, and obligations created by this section, and that identify the Conservancy as a third-party beneficiary of those provisions.
3. The grantee shall not utilize the work produced under this agreement for any profit-making venture, or sell or grant rights to a third party for that purpose.

G. Project Administration

1. Grantee agrees to promptly submit project status reports as the State may request. Failure to submit such project status reports in a timely manner may result in stop payments for future payment requests until such reports are submitted. Grantee shall provide State a report showing total final Project expenditures.
2. Grantee agrees that property and facilities acquired or developed pursuant to this Contract shall be available for inspection upon request by the State.
3. Grantee agrees that income earned by the Grantee from use of the Project shall be used to further Project purposes, or, if approved by the State, for related purposes within the Grantee's jurisdiction.

G. Project Termination

1. Grantee may unilaterally rescind this Contract at any time prior to the commencement of the Project. After Project commencement this Contract may be rescinded, modified or amended by mutual agreement in writing.
2. Failure by the Grantee to comply with material terms of this Contract or any other Contract under the Act may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the State hereunder.
3. Failure of the Grantee to comply with the terms of this Contract shall not be cause for the suspension of all obligation of the State hereunder if in the judgment of the Executive Director of State such failure was due to no fault of the Grantee. In such case, any amount required to settle at minimum cost any irrevocable obligations properly incurred shall be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract.
4. Because the benefit to be derived by the State, from the full compliance by the Grantee with the terms of this Contract, is the preservation, protection and net increase in the quantity and quality of parks, public recreation facilities and/or historical resources available to the people of the State of California and because such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent the amount of money furnished by the State by way of Grant Moneys under the

provisions of this Contract, the Grantee agrees that payment by the Grantee to the State of an amount equal to the amount of the Grant Moneys disbursed under this Contract by the State would be inadequate compensation to the State for any material breach by the Grantee of this Contract. The Grantee further agrees therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the Grantee of this Contract shall be the specific performance of this Contract.

5. Grantee and State agree that if the Project includes development, final payment may not be made until the Project conforms substantially to this Contract and is a useable facility.

H. Financial Records

1. The State may audit the Project. If so, the Grantee will be notified at least 30 days in advance. The audit may occur up to three years after the final payment of Grant Moneys.
2. Grantee agrees to maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents and records for the Project and to make them available to the State for auditing at reasonable times. Grantee also agrees to retain such financial accounts, documents and records for three years following Project termination or completion.

Grantee and State agree that during regular office hours each of the parties hereto and their duly authorized representative shall have the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records or reports of the other party pertaining to this agreement or matters related thereto. Grantee agrees to maintain and make available for inspection by the State accurate records of all of its costs, disbursements and receipts with respect to its activities under this Contract.

3. Grantee agrees to use a generally accepted accounting system.

I. Use of Facilities

1. Grantee agrees that the Grantee shall use the property acquired or developed with Grant Moneys under this Contract only for the purpose for which the State Grant Moneys were requested and no other use of the property shall be permitted except by specific act of the Legislature.

2. Grantee shall use the property for purposes for which the Grant was made and shall make no other use or sale or other disposition of the property, except as consistent with the Act and authorized by the State. This Agreement shall not prevent the transfer of the property from the Grantee to a public agency, if the successor public agency assumes the obligations imposed by this Agreement. If the use of the property is changed to a use that is not permitted by the Act, or if the property is sold or otherwise disposed of, and amount equal to (1) the amount of the grant (2) the fair market value of the real property, or (3) the proceeds from the sale or other disposition, whichever is greater, shall be reimbursed to the State, unless approved by the Executive Director of State to be used for related purposes within the Grantee's jurisdiction.
3. Grantee agrees to maintain and operate the property acquired, developed, rehabilitated or restored with Grant Moneys for a period that is commensurate with the type of project and the proportion of State funds and local matching funds or property allocated to the capital cost of the project.

J. Nondiscrimination

1. The Grantee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national region, age, religion, ancestry, or physical handicap in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to this Contract.
2. The Grantee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence.
3. All facilities shall be open to members of the public generally, except as noted under the special provisions of this Contract.

K. Application Incorporation

The Application and any subsequent change or addition approved in writing by the State is hereby incorporated in this Contract as though set forth in full in this Contract.

L. Severability

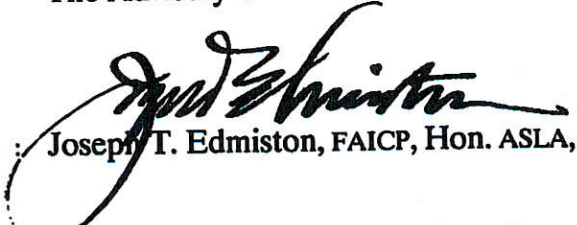
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If any provision of this Contract or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and pursuant to this provision of this Contract, are severable.

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2019

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to North East Trees for a restoration project at Flat Top, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a matching grant not to exceed \$497,250 in Proposition 1 urban creek funds to North East Trees for a habitat restoration and watershed enhancement project for Flat Top Park near the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Section 79735(a) of the Water Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 1 grant application from North East Trees for a detailed description of the project. The grant request is for \$497,250 in Proposition 1 urban Los Angeles River funds, to be matched with approximately \$170,000 from other funding sources.

Flat Top is a highly prominent 38-acre hill top situated just northeast from the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. It is surrounded by the communities of Lincoln Heights, Happy Valley, and Montecito Heights. It formerly was owned by Aimee Semple McPherson's Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and in the 1930's their radio broadcasting tower was built at the summit. Various development scenarios sought to capitalize on the extraordinary views from the property. In 2014 North East Trees was successful in obtaining a Los Angeles Open Space District Proposition A grant from the First Supervisorial District to acquire the site for conservation, restoration, and recreational trails. They own and continue to maintain the property.

North East Trees' grant proposal is to enhance the existing native habitat by tree-planting, control of invasive species (such as the aggressive Tree of Heaven), and to establish rain gardens and bioswales to capture runoff. Local youth will be hired for project work.

Scoring under the Conservancy's revised Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Guidelines results in the project receiving 117 points (out of a possible 122; 86 minimum required), plus 15 out of 18 climate change value points, plus 15 out of 15 possible points under Additional Criteria.

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Total points: 147 (out of a possible 155). Staff recommends award of \$497,250 for this project.

| SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION | | | | |
|--|--|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Project Name: Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park | | Amount of Request: \$497,250 | | |
| Applicant Name: North East Trees | | Total Project Cost: \$667,250 | | |
| Applicant Address: 570 W. Ave. 26, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90065 | | Matching Funds: \$170,000 | | |
| | | Lat/Long: 34.086521, -118.204173 | | |
| Phone: (323) 441-8634 ext. 31 Email: mark@northeasttrees.org | | Project Address: 1040 Montecito Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90031 | | |
| | | County | Senate District | Assembly District |
| | | Los Angeles | 24 | 51 |
| | | Tax ID: 95-4320174 | | |
| Grantee's Authorized Representative: | | | | |
| Mark Kenyon, Executive Director <i>Name and Title</i> | | (323) 441-8634 ext. 31 <i>Phone</i> | | |
| Overhead Allocation Notice: | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to, or with, the grant application. | | | | |
| Outreach and Advertising Requirement: | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant has read the staff report and board resolution regarding contract policies. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant has adopted contract policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals. | | | | |
| <i>All check boxes must be checked</i> | | | | |

Brief Project Description:

To meaningfully create a lasting natural resource for the region and address environmental justice issues within an impacted urban location, North East Trees (NET) is proposing Phase I of the Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park Project: a shovel ready, multi-faceted effort to enhance Flat Top, a 38 acre park owned, operated, and maintained by NET. With funding from this grant, we will create landscapes that use or mimic natural systems in order to:

1. Preserve significant stands of existing native habitat and enhance this resource by planting at least 50 trees from the Southern Oak Woodland plant community
2. Remove invasive species in areas where the new trees are to be planted
3. Install three or more raingardens and Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) such as bioswales, which will capture runoff and stormwater from roughly 18 acres of parkland and direct it into the lower areas of the park where it will infiltrate slowly, retaining the water on-site rather than letting it flow directly into storm drains, the LA River and eventually into the Pacific Ocean
4. Install a temporary, low-flow irrigation system to water the drought tolerant, native trees for approximately two to three years until they are established
5. Hire and utilize a crew of local at-risk youth to install all proposed improvements, providing them with training and employment, while increasing their understanding of local ecology
6. Utilize this opportunity to work with students from local elementary, middle- and high schools to teach them about biodiversity, ecological restoration and wildlife habitat in an urban setting
7. Engage and educate the community about the functioning of natural systems and low tech, lightly engineered methods for stormwater infiltration and water conservation.

*attach additional pages with project detail

| Tasks / Milestones: | Budget (SMMC) : | Completion Date |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Project Management | \$34,000.00 | 12/31/2021 |
| Outreach and Education | \$42,500.00 | 5/31/2020 |
| Design and Permitting | \$29,750.00 | 9/30/2019 |
| Invasive Plant Control and Minor Grading | \$31,291.00 | 12/31/2021 |
| Raingardens and Water Infiltration | \$62,500.00 | 12/31/2020 |
| Water Quality and Erosion Control | \$37,209.00 | 3/31/2020 |
| Temporary Irrigation | \$93,000.00 | 8/31/2020 |
| Planting | \$115,000.00 | 10/31/2020 |
| Establishment | \$52,000.00 | 12/31/2021 |
| | \$497,250.00 | |

For Acquisition Projects: APN(s): N/A
 Acreage: N/A

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative

11/30/2018
 Date

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ♦ THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

11/30/2018

North East Trees
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Application
Project Budget
Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park

| | | | REQUEST | MATCHING FUNDS | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Task # | Task | Completion Date | SMMC Grant | NET In-Kind Funds | Total Cost |
| 1 | Project management | 12/31/2021 | \$ 34,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 49,000 |
| 2 | Outreach and education | 5/31/2020 | \$ 42,500 | \$ 31,400 | \$ 73,900 |
| 3 | Design and permitting | 09/30/2019 | \$ 29,750 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 34,750 |
| 4 | Invasive plant control and minor grading | 12/31/2021 | \$ 31,291 | \$ 23,000 | \$ 54,291 |
| 5 | Raingardens and water infiltration | 12/31/2020 | \$ 62,500 | | \$ 62,500 |
| 6 | Water Quality and Erosion control | 3/31/2020 | \$ 37,209 | | \$ 37,209 |
| 7 | Install temporary irrigation | 8/31/2020 | \$ 93,000 | | \$ 93,000 |
| 8 | Planting native trees, shrubs and other plants | 10/31/2020 | \$ 115,000 | \$ 41,890 | \$ 156,890 |
| 9 | Establishment, monitoring and ongoing stewardship (at least 2 years after completion) | 12/31/2021 | \$ 52,000 | \$ 53,710 | \$ 105,710 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 497,250 | \$ 170,000 | \$ 667,250 |

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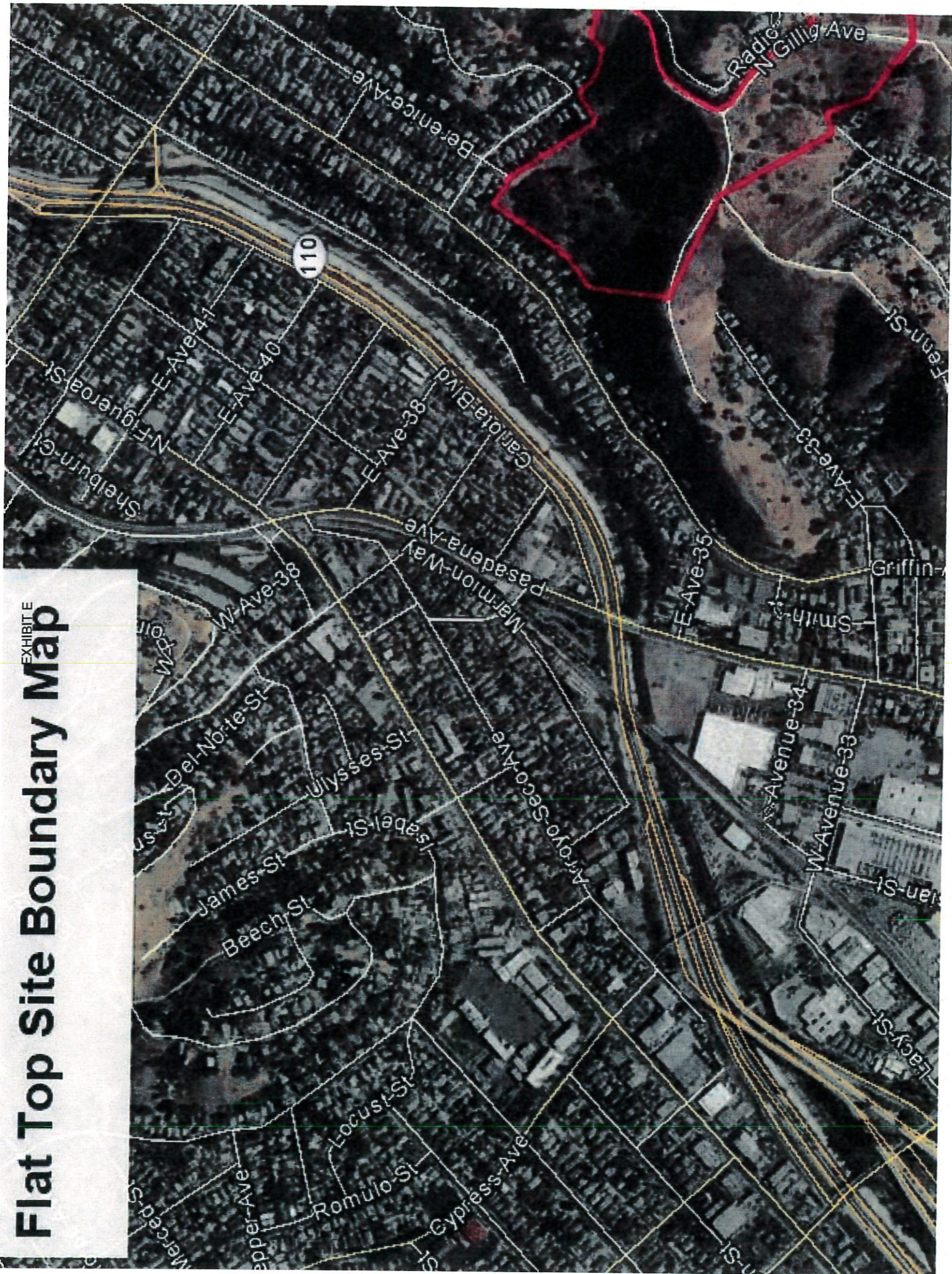
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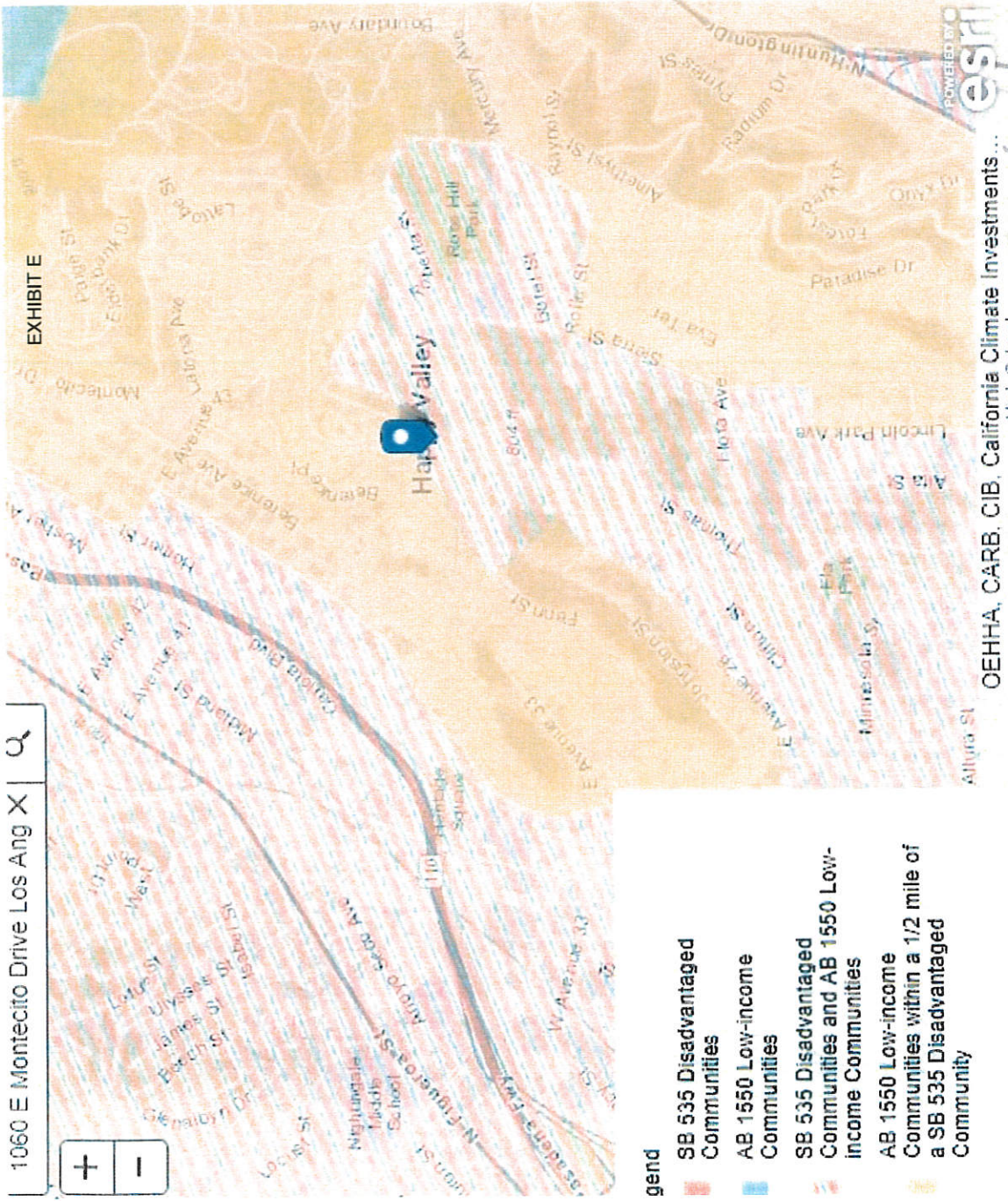
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Flat Top Regional Map



EXHIBIT E
Flat Top Site Boundary Map





OEHHA, CARB, CIB, California Climate Investments...

Map School

Flat Top Project Existing Conditions



**California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps
Proposition 1 - Water Bond
Corps Consultation Review Document
2018**

Unless an exempted project, this Corps Consultation Review Document must be completed by California Conservation Corps and Community Conservation Corps staff and accompany applications for projects or grants seeking funds through Proposition 1, Chapter 6, Protecting Rivers, Lakes, Streams, Coastal Waters and Watersheds. Non-exempt applications that do not include this document demonstrating that the Corps have been consulted will be deemed "noncompliant" and will not be considered for funding.

1. Name of Applicant: North East Trees

Project Title: Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park

Department/Conservancy to which you are applying for funding: **SMMC**

To be completed by Applicant:

Is this application solely for planning or acquisition?

- Yes (application is exempt from the requirement to consult with the Corps)
 No (proceed to #2)

To be completed by Corps:

This Consultation Review Document is being prepared by:

- The California Conservation Corps (CCC)
 California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC)

2. Applicant has submitted the required information by email to the California Conservation Corps (CCC) and California Association of Local Conservation Corps (CALCC):

- Yes (applicant has submitted all necessary information to CCC)
 No (applicant has not submitted all information or did not submit information to both Corps – application is deemed non-compliant)

3. After consulting with the project applicant, the CCC and CALCC has determined the following:

- It is NOT feasible for CCC and/or certified community conservation corps services to be used on the project (deemed compliant)
 It is feasible for the CCC services to be used on the project and the following aspects of the project can be accomplished with Corps services (deemed compliant):

The California Conservation Corps can assist with this project, if funded.

CCC AND CALCC REPRESENTATIVES WILL RETURN THIS FORM AS DOCUMENTATION OF CONSULTATION BY EMAIL TO APPLICANT WITHIN FIVE (5) BUSINESS OF RECEIPT AS VERIFICATION OF CONSULTATION. APPLICANT MUST INCLUDE COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AS PART OF THE PROJECT APPLICATION.

IF THE CORPS DETERMINE IT IS FEASIBLE TO USE THEIR SERVICES ON THE PROJECT, APPLICANT WILL COORDINATE WITH CORPS TO DEVELOP ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THOSE SERVICES FOR INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET.



URGENT- Consultation Needed

Prop1 Community Corps <
To: joe

Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 12:52 PM

Hello Joe,

Bo Savage of the LACC has responded that they are able to assist with the Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park if the city receives funding. Please include this email and the attached document with your application as proof that you reached out to the Local Conservation Corps.

Additionally, please feel free to contact Bo (t) directly if your project receives funding.

Thank you,
Cailin Jessup

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Resolution No. 19-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF PROPOSITION 1 FUNDS TO NORTH EAST TREES FOR A RESTORATION PROJECT AT
FLAT TOP, CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to non profit entities pursuant to Section 33204.2 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized an expenditure of funds from Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and local assistance multi-benefit grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, North East Trees has requested a matching urban creek grant from Proposition 1, Section 79735(a) of the Water Code in the amount of \$497,250 for native plant habitat restoration and watershed enhancement project at Flat Top Park, City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources, and instream flow; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on California's communities and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to restore river parkways throughout the state, including, but not limited to, projects pursuant to the California River Parkway Act of 2004 (Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), in the Urban Streams Restoration Program established pursuant to Section 7048, and urban river greenways; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to implement fuel treatment projects to reduce wildfire risks, protect watersheds tributary to water storage facilities, and promote watershed health; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 79732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction; and

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 793732(a) the proposed project meets the purpose of Proposition 1 to assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more reliable water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for restoration of important species and habitat; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets an objective of the California Water Action Plan for more resilient and sustainably managed water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan*; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is being taken subject to approval of the grant for compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the purposes of Proposition 1.
2. FINDS the proposed project meets at least one of the three objectives of the California Water Action Plan.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

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4. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
5. FINDS that the proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 1.
6. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
7. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated February 25, 2019 for this item.
8. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.
9. AUTHORIZES a grant of Proposition 1 funds to North East Trees in the amount of \$497,250.
10. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson or Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he or she shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his or her discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 25th day of February, 2019, at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:



Executive Director

GRANT AGREEMENT

Grant - Rev 11/20

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| AGREEMENT NUMBER 20-111 | AM. NO. 1 |
| TAXPAYERS FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 95-4320174 | |

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 10th day of July, 2023 in the State of California, by and between:

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| AGENCY State Coastal Conservancy | and |
| GRANTEE'S NAME North East Trees, Inc. | |

The State Coastal Conservancy ("the Conservancy") and the North East Trees, Inc. ("the grantee") agree to amend their existing Agreement No. 20-111 as follows:

TERM OF AGREEMENT




The termination date is extended to May 31, 2024.

The completion date is extended to February 28, 2024.

The grantee shall deliver the final Request for Disbursement to the Conservancy no later than March 31, 2024.

All other terms and conditions of the existing agreement shall remain in effect.

The provisions on the following pages constitute a part of this agreement.
This agreement has been executed by the parties as shown below.

| STATE OF CALIFORNIA | | GRANTEE | | | |
|---|---|---|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| AGENCY State Coastal Conservancy | | GRANTEE (If other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.) North East Trees, Inc. | | | |
| BY (Authorized Signature)  Amy Hutzel | | BY (Authorized Signature)  Janet Schulman | | | |
| PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer | | PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING Janet Schulman, Executive Director | | | |
| ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER 1515 Clay Street, 10 th Floor Oakland, CA 94612 Phone: (510) 286-1015 | | ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER 570 W. Avenue 26, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: (323) 533-0115 | | | |
| AMOUNT ENCUMBERED BY THIS DOCUMENT \$-0- | PROGRAM/CATEGORY Local Assistance | FUND TITLE/PROP NO. General Fund | | | |
| PRIOR AMOUNT ENCUMBERED FOR THIS AGREEMENT \$581,500.00 | FUND ITEM 3760-102-0001 | CHAPTER 14 | STATUTE 2020 | FISCAL YEAR 20/21 | |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ENCUMBERED TO DATE \$581,500.00 | PROJECT NAME Flat Top Park Fire Resilience | | | | |
| I hereby certify upon my own personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for the period and purpose of the expenditure stated above. | | | | | |
| NAME AND SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER  Jamil Mahmood | | | DATE 7/10/2023 | | |

I certify that this agreement is exempt from Department of General Services' approval.


Erlinda Corpuz

Erlinda Corpuz
Procurement and
Contracts Manager

FLAT TOP Encumbrances, Obligations and Issues

Please Note: This is a working document, intended to be comprehensive, but with room to update, as North East Trees works with RAP (and moving forward, the County and CD1) to create an amended Grant Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, to expedite the land transfer as originally specified in the 2014 Agreement with the County.

(This is a link to the original Grant Agreement

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dsb0pm897GYVqt4gVQydbx4NeJHgb3r0/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dsb0pm897GYVqt4gVQydbx4NeJHgb3r0/view?usp=drive_link))

The Process for transferring this property is prescribed in the Prop A Open Space Measure. All of the obligations assigned to North East Trees in 2014 with the acquisition of the properties, will transfer to the new owner, once an “assignment and assumption of grant agreement” between City, County and NET is signed– subject to negotiations regarding special obligations NET is willing to provide based on its mission and existing or future grant opportunities and awards.

North East Trees will work in good faith to provide all requested information to expedite said land transfer. Once transfer is complete, we are hopeful that we will be able to continue in our role at the Flat Top parcels as land stewards, connecting the community to the wildlife through planting, restoration, invasive removal and hiring and training young adults from the surrounding communities to not only learn, but also practice and even teach best environmental practices. (This is not only part of our mission statement, but speaks directly to requirement language in the original Grant Agreement and subsequent grants that have benefited the land as well as the lives of locals.) *In our June 9 letter to RAP, we promised to follow up with a document chronicling the “encumbrances, issues and obligations” with the Flat Top property. This is that list, along with enclosed documentation.*

ENCUMBRANCES

1. There are NO financial encumbrances upon the property. No taxes are due.
2. The extended funding “conversation” between the CD1 office of 2014-22 and the former management of NET has been put to rest, and at this juncture, North East Trees is seeking no remuneration for operating expenses incurred over the past 9 years.

OBLIGATIONS

North East Trees currently has 3 open grants involving ongoing projects on Flat Top. As of now, the deadlines extend until the end of 2024. We also have a volunteer planting event scheduled for November of 2023.

Project: Flat Top Park Fire Resilience

Funder: State Coastal Conservancy

Remaining funds to be billed: \$148,968

Remaining scope of work: Fuel reduction and invasive species removal, plant about 30 native plants, plant establishment until end of grant, preparation of final grant report

Deadline: May 31, 2024.

Project: Enhancing Watershed Health at Flat Top Park

Funder: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Remaining funds to be billed: \$129,091

Remaining scope of work: Construction of rain gardens, including irrigation line, final design documents, preparation of final grant report

Deadline: A pending extension request has been submitted that would extend the grant until the end of the year 2023.

Project: Urban Greening in Northeast Los Angeles

Funder: Cal FIRE

Remaining funds to be billed:

Remaining scope of work:

Deadline: March 30, 2024

Project: UPS Volunteer Tree Planting

Funder: UPS

Scope of Work: 45 trees to be planted at Flat Top Park with volunteer and NET staff

Date of Event: November 4, 2023

ONGOING or RECURRING ISSUES RELATED TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

North East Trees has been working diligently to preserve and manage the open space at Flat Top hill since 2014, so it remains beautiful, safe and accessible to the public. The following is a summary of the issues we have encountered along the way and how they have been mitigated or observed by North East Trees, along with some suggested actions for the benefit of the land and the community:

1. Security Flat Top is a peaceful, local gathering space for passive recreation. That said, over the years North East Trees has had equipment, signs, storage facilities and kiosks tagged and vandalized. Our crews have diligently worked to clean and repair these transgressions. As responsible guardians of the land, we have also seen fit to hire security officers on July 4th, to monitor crowds with the aim of preventing illegal firework usage and damage to the park and surrounding neighborhood. Recommendations: Signs should be posted with information about who to contact in the event of an emergency. Peace officers are recommended. Park hours should be posted.

2. Access/easements The property is accessed by a mechanical gate on Montecito Dr. with a security code, maintained by the owner (currently, North East Trees), to give the 12 affected home-owners access and easement to their residences. NET communicates with the affected home-owners regarding this gate and access, and has had a relatively smooth experience doing so. This gate has also been occasionally vandalized, and repaired at North East Trees' expense. This is done, it seems, by those who wish to illegally drive their vehicles onto the land to party while enjoying the stunning views. Recommendations: The City, upon taking over, should consider upgrading the gate to a sturdier model to discourage further damage and

unlawful entry. Additionally, as necessary, they should communicate with home-owners with legal easements, by establishing rules regarding driving through the park and regular communication to them by mail or email. **We are attaching our "contact" sheet of land-owners needing gate access.*

3. Encroachments A survey was done in 2019 at the request of the City Attorney.

Recommendation: LA City Department of Public Works, Division of Building and Safety should review title reports and reports from the field and design an enforcement plan for the encroachments on the existing parcels known as Flat Top Park and make recommendations about how to mitigate their impact on public safety. **Survey attached*

4. Irrigation and water NET has installed two water meters at Flat Top thus far, and, pending an expected SMMC grant extension, has plans to install at least one mainline in our planting areas this year. Recommendation: Full irrigation, with long-term maintenance agreements, should be secured, with installation by North East Trees or another qualified agency, as well as installation of fire hydrants to help safeguard the area. Water fountains (for humans and dogs) and even a rest room should be considered.

5. Filming of commercials, videos and movies on Flat Top These currently take place on rare occasion, to the displeasure of some locals. But no major incidents have occurred. The proceeds are put back into the beautification budget. Recommendations: While RAP also permits this on their property, we think residents would expect that RAP and Rangers would not allow filming, at night, or weekends and never allow explosives in this urban wildland park that abuts private residences.

6. Brush clearance For the past 9 years, NET has removed the brush on the property.

Recommendation: We recommend identifying other funding sources for brush clearance as part of the transfer agreement (such as the O and M portion from Prop A, provided by the County to the City annually).



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No Palisades Rec Center/George Wolfberg Bathrooms

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:55 AM

To: Sue Pascoe <

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Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Andy Starrels <

>, Lynn Hysten <

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Joe Halper <

>, Jamie Paige <jamie.paige@lacity.org>, Rose Watson <rose.watson@lacity.org>,

geoffrey.straniere@lacity.org, Ashley Rodriguez <ashley.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sun, Jul 16, 2023 at 12:16 PM Sue Pascoe <

> wrote:

Mr. Kim,

There are no ADA accessible bathrooms at the Palisades Recreation Center in Pacific Palisades. The doorway to the two person stall by the playground is not wide enough to allow a senior with a walker or a person in a wheelchair to access a toilet.

I was told that because the George Wolfberg Park at Potrero had installed two-new-self-cleaning toilets that were available from dawn to dusk, that was considered acceptable for the lack of ADA toilets at the playground, baseball fields, basketball, bocce and tennis courts.

Those Potrero bathrooms are now out of operation, with no timeline for them being fixed.

I'm doing a story about this and hope I can have a comment from you about when the Potrero bathrooms will be fixed and what plans are in the works for adding ADA bathrooms at the Rec Center, which was constructed in the 1950s.

I'm including a photo of the bathrooms at Potrero that are closed and two photos of the current bathroom at the Rec Center (you'll notice that someone in a wheelchair cannot fit through the door to get to a stall).

Thanks.

Sue Pascoe

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Re: Violation of city charter

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 7:19 AM

To:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 6:16 AM <

> wrote:

Dear RAP Commissioners:

Yesterday morning (7/18/23) Hollywoodland neighbors reported a large advertising balloon in the Hollywoodland addition (HGP) of the Lake Hollywood Park located between Canyon Lake and Mulholland Hwy.

Per LA City Charter this type of use is prohibited. Please share if this use was authorized and if the Hollywood Chamber received a servicemark fee. Please explain why city charter regulations were not followed.

Below are the charter regulations. Please advise your department of these regulations. Thank you.

**1. SEC. 28.11. CAPTIVE BALLOONS AND SIMILAR DEVICES.**

Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles Municipal Code

...CAPTIVE *BALLOONS* AND SIMILAR DEVICES. (Amended by Ord. No. 173,944, Eff. 6/18/01.) It shall be unlawful to permit a *balloon* or similar device which floats *in the* air and is restrained, attached or held *in* place by a cord, rope, cable or similar means, to float, ascend, rise or remain aloft at a vertical height of five feet or more above *the* surface of *the* ground measured to *the* highest point of *the* *balloon* or similar device.

2.

1. SEC. 63.44. REGULATIONS AFFECTING PARK AND RECREATION AREAS.

Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles Municipal Code

...No person shall land, release, take off or fly any *balloon*, except children toy *balloons* not inflated with any flammable material, helicopter, parakite, hang glider, aircraft or powered models thereof, except in areas specifically set aside therefor. 9. No person shall engage in any voluntary parachute jump. 10.

...Bulky Items, Tents and Storage of Personal Property in *Parks*. (Added by Ord. No. 183,761, Eff. 7/18/15.) (a) Declaration of Legislative Intent – Purpose. *Parks* should be accessible and available to residents and the public at large for their intended *recreational* uses. Bringing bulky items into a *Park* and the unauthorized use of a *Park* for the storage of personal property interferes with the rights of other members of the public to use *Parks* for their intended purposes and can create a public health or safety hazard that adversely affects the *Park* and those who use the *Park* for *recreational* activities.

...Houston *Park* O'Melveny *Park* Orcas/Gabrieleno Equestrian *Park* Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center Oro Vista *Park* Palisades *Park* Palisades *Recreation* Center Palisades Slide Area Palisades-Asilomar *Park* Pasko *Park* Peck *Park* Pilsn Property Porter Ranch *Park* Porter Ridge *Park* Potrero Canyon *Park* Pueblo de Rio *Park* Rena *Park* Reseda/Rinaldi *Park* Richard Alatorre *Park* Rivas Canyon *Park* Roger Jessup *Park* Roosevelt Golf Course Runyon Canyon Rustic Canyon San Vicente Mountain *Park* Santa Ynez Canyon Sepulveda Basin *Recreation* Area Serrania Ave *Park* Shadow Ranch *Recreation* Center Stetson Ranch Equestrian *Park* Stonev Point *Park* Sullivan Canyon *Park* Taxco Trails *Park* Temescal Canyon *Park* The Homestead Acre/ Tregnan Golf Academy Vanalden *Park* Verdugo Mountain *Park* Via De Las Olas *Park* Viking *Park* Villa Cabrini *Park* Warner Center *Park* Wattles Garden *Park* West Hills *Park* White's Point Nature , Wilacre *Park* Wilbur-Tampa *Park* Wilder's Addition (Point Fermin *Park*) Wilson/Harding Municipal Golf Course Woodbine *Park* Woodland Hills *Park*

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Re: 3100 Wilshire - Letter to RAP Board

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To:

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:45 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 4:15 PM < > wrote:

Good afternoon, please see attached letter related to the above-referenced item on tomorrows agenda.

Thank you, Juli Ramirez

Juli S. Ramirez

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July 19, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 3100 Wilshire – VTT-83914 (Agenda Item 6 – Case No. 23-134)

Dear President Simril and Honorable Commissioners:

On behalf of Crescent Heights and 3100 Wilshire, LLC (the “Applicant”), we look forward to your consideration of the staff recommendation related to Vesting Tentative Tract No. VTT-83914 for a new infill residential building at Wilshire and Westmoreland Avenue, across from the historic former Bullock’s Wilshire building, now Southwestern Law School. Our client’s Project located at 3100 West Wilshire Boulevard (the “Project Site”) also honors and incorporates an existing building on the corner of Wilshire and Westmoreland Avenue in order to create 297 new housing units, including 33 restricted affordable units, associated open space and residential amenities, and approximately 7,110 square feet of community-serving restaurant and retail space. The Project’s design goals include both preserving the existing building on the site and complementing the historic Bullocks Wilshire Building located across Westmoreland Avenue, while maximizing the site’s ability to provide housing units. (See attached rendering). Given these goals to preserve historic elements and Wilshire streetscape while producing housing, no land on the Project site is available for dedication.

The staff recommendation notes that, after exemptions for affordable housing units, the Project could generate over \$4.4 million in Quimby fees through in-lieu payments, and that there are at least four parks within a half-mile of the Project Site, including Robert F. Kennedy Inspiration Park, Shatto Park Recreation Center, Lafayette Park, and Francis Avenue Community Garden. (See attached map.) We respectfully propose that the Project’s in-lieu Quimby fees would be best used for the purpose of improving these or other parks in the vicinity, rather than requiring the Project to dedicate land, either on-site or off-site, for park purposes or provide a combination of dedication and in-lieu fees. Without in-lieu fees, based on the number of housing units proposed, the Project could be required to dedicate up to 2.15 acres of land – almost three times the area of the entire Project Site. Given the existing parks near the Project, the proposed condition requiring the dedication of land is not necessary to serve the community where the Project is being built, is inconsistent with the City’s Housing Element encouraging provision of additional housing units, and would make this needed housing project infeasible. We respectfully request that the Board modify this recommendation to allow the Project to meet its

obligations under Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC”) Section 12.33 by paying only in-lieu fees.

Though we inquired of staff if there are specific parcels in the vicinity that the City is seeking to acquire for park purposes, no such properties were identified. Moreover, as noted above, there is no finding from staff that this area is park-poor or that there are no improvements to existing parks where the in-lieu fee payment could be utilized. Of course, the in-lieu fee payment can be utilized as needed. Given the Project’s location, the Applicant would likely be unable to acquire a property within the specified radius of the Project Site that meets RAP’s minimum requirements for dedication. As such, the ordinance’s goal of creating new park land is better fulfilled through the payment of fees, which can be aggregated with other such payments to make meaningful improvements for parks. Additionally, with the use of nearby transit options, the A Line is one block west of the Project, residents will have access to regional parks across the City and County. Dedication of park space should not be required.

A. Applicant Background, Project Design, and Requested Entitlements

Founded in the Los Angeles area over thirty-five years ago, Crescent Heights successfully develops and manages architecturally distinctive urban high-rises in major cities across the United States. Recent Los Angeles highlights include the recently-approved 1045 Olive Street project in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles and the Palladium Residences adjacent to the historic Hollywood Palladium, which Crescent Heights landmarked in cooperation with community leaders. Additionally, Crescent Heights developed Ten Thousand on Santa Monica Boulevard, adjacent to Century City. The 3100 Wilshire Project will similarly bring a thoughtfully designed, well-situated housing development to a prime transit-oriented location.

The Project will site nearly 300 new units, including 33 units reserved for Extremely Low Income households, on an approximately 0.75-acre site located in the heart of the transit-rich Koreatown neighborhood. In addition to the new residential uses, the Project includes 7,110 square feet of commercial uses (restaurant / retail) with two outdoor dining areas along the Wilshire Boulevard frontage and one outdoor dining area along the Westmoreland Avenue frontage. The proposed commercial uses include a 2,080 square foot ground floor space fronting Wilshire Boulevard and a two-level 5,030 square foot commercial space located at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Westmoreland Avenue (consisting of 3,030 square feet at ground level and 2,000 square feet at mezzanine level).

The Project will include a total of 24,244 square feet of Open Space including an outdoor pool and 6,888 square foot amenity deck on Level 33, another outdoor pool and 5,012 square foot amenity deck on Level 8, a 533 square foot outdoor amenity deck and 6,061 square feet of indoor recreation areas on Level 3 and 5,750 square feet of private open space (115 residential balconies). In addition to the LAMC compliant Open Space areas, the Applicant is proposing additional common open space areas on Levels 3, 8, 9 and 33 consisting of outdoor and indoor amenity decks.

The Project is designed to complement the existing, historic structures nearby, including the existing low-rise building on the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Westmoreland Avenue as well as the Bullocks Wilshire building across Westmoreland. The Project will preserve the existing façade and historic portions of the existing building at the corner, repurposing those spaces for retail, restaurant, and resident amenities. The Project's tower has been set back from Wilshire and positioned to complement the historic Bullocks Wilshire tower, which is now owned and occupied by Southwestern Law School. The Applicant's architects have taken great care to ensure that the Project has a modern, streamlined design that will accent and complement the existing nearby historic resources, while maximizing development of new housing on the Project Site.

The Project utilizes the City's Transit Oriented Communities ("TOC") Program to provide much-needed housing near existing transit, consistent with the City's aggressive housing production goals. Specifically, the Project site is located within the TOC Affordable Housing Incentive Area Tier 4, the highest tier, because it is located within close proximity of a Metro Rail station that intersects with other public transit lines. (TOC Guidelines, p. 5.) As such, the Project site is provided a variety of incentives under the TOC Program, including increased residential density and floor area, to encourage the siting of new housing near high-quality public transit. (*Id.* at pp. 5-13.)

Because the Project is fully consistent with the TOC Program and other relevant zoning and land use requirements, no legislative actions or approvals are required to authorize the Project. The Applicant is requesting a Site Plan Review to authorize the development of more than 50 new residential units. Additionally, the Applicant is applying for a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to merge and resubdivide the existing parcels into one ground lot and seven airspace lots with 297 residential units and two commercial condominiums.

B. Recreation and Parks Recommendation

Members of the Applicant's team met with RAP staff on December 12, 2022, to discuss the Project and RAP staff's recommendation to this Board. In that meeting staff indicated that they would recommend that the Project be subject to a land dedication requirement or a combination of land dedication and payment of in-lieu fees. In that discussion, the Applicant team confirmed to staff that there is no available land on the Project Site for dedication and that the Applicant does not own any other land in the area for an off-site dedication. Nevertheless, RAP staff published their recommendation letter on December 16, 2022, noting that staff intended to recommend the dedication of land or a combination of land dedication and in-lieu fee payment as a condition of approval for the requested Vesting Tentative Tract Map.

The Applicant's team subsequently followed up with RAP staff to ask for assistance in identifying potential off-site locations for land dedication in the proximity of the Project site. RAP staff informed the Applicant that RAP has not identified any parcels suitable for parks in the area and instead provided a list of criteria used by RAP when evaluating land acquisitions and dedications.

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While the Applicant fully supports RAP's goal of increasing park space available to residents across the City, requiring land dedication for an urban infill project with historic considerations and adjacent to transit represents an unnecessary barrier to this proposed development of much-needed housing. Requiring on-site dedication would make the Project economically infeasible, as there is insufficient area to dedicate land for parks purposes and still develop an efficient housing project. Similarly, the Applicant believes that the cost and time associated with that search and acquisition would jeopardize the financial viability of the Project. The uncertainty associated with requiring either on-site or off-site dedication, particularly in this development climate, would significantly impact the feasibility of this vitally needed housing Project.

In contrast, the payment of in-lieu fees would allow the Project to support the development of new park land while providing the Applicant with additional certainty associated with the costs to meet the Project's obligations. This would also allow the Applicant to focus resources on the development of new housing across the City, including the new units proposed at the Project Site.

We respectfully request that the Board recommend to the Advisory Agency that the Project pay in-lieu fees instead of requiring either on- or off-site land dedication to comply with the Applicant's obligations under LAMC 12.33.

We look forward to your consideration of the Project at your July 20, 2023 hearing.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin J. Hanelin
of LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

cc: Elliott Kahn, Crescent Heights
Adam Tartakovsky, Crescent Heights
Lucinda Starrett, Esq.
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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: 12" Dead space on RAP Land that must be cleared

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 7:44 AM

To: " " < >
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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 3:51 PM

< > wrote:

All,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer! Many of you on this email are aware about my concern regarding the dead space between my property wall and the City's black 4' chain link fence because I have been emailing with you for over 4 years. As I predicted and expressed, tall weeds have grown in this space, and it is a fire hazard. The dead space directly outside my property line **extends approximately 180 feet**, so it is a very large area.

I asked Felice Chen, Cid Macaraeg, Pedro Garcia, Kristen Ly, Daryl Ford and more, if they would place the fence right up against my property wall. I asked if that was not possible, to place it 2' away so someone could get in to maintain the area. Neither happened, so no one is able to get in there to clear it. I spoke to the terrific Waste Unlimited crew that was clearing outside the 4' fence, who tried to clear the space, but they were unable to get in there. They suggested that the City move the fence in order to gain access to clear the weeds.

I maintained this space myself for years while the temporary fence was up during construction. I paid someone a few months ago to pull the weeds out by hand, but I will not do that again. **It has been established that this is City/RAP land, and not mine** (the City did the survey and put the stakes right up against my walls), **and Pedro, Lisa, Kristin and Felice all acknowledged this.**

The Fire Department required RAP to clear the brush within 200 feet of any structures. This is about 30 feet from my structure on 2 sides of my home (approximately 180 feet long). The City/RAP were cited for not clearing this back in April, and I assume if they continue to ignore this issue, then they will be cited again and again until this area is cleared. This is a design flaw, which those in charge ignored, and should be the City's responsibility to rectify this issue, not RAP's who is responsible for clearing these impossible spaces.

In June 2019, Lisa Cahill said, **"Our office is very concerned about the space being maintain in between the two fences and any potential resulting issues."**

In October 2019, Pedro Garcia said, **"My apologies for causing confusion about the location of the fence. The draft plans call for the fence to be installed within 1-ft of the property line, however after further consideration to eliminate the maintenance issue within that 1-ft, we intend to install the fence at the property line and will make this revision on the final plans."**

After the fences were installed 9"-12" away from our property lines, **Kristen Ly told me that because of the size of the cement footings, they were unable to put the fence up to my property line**, so they put it 9"-12" away. The plans called for the fence to go up to my property line, but the City chose to use cement footings that could not go flush up against our retaining walls.

This is a problem throughout the canyon, and not just outside my property. In fact, the houses to the left of me on Friends and Earham have much bigger spaces that were not cleared by Waste Unlimited because the City placed their black 4' fence so far from their property line (probably because of the slope), and the City did not tell Waste Unlimited to clear it.

Attached are current photos I took of the areas near my property, my neighbor's property (weeds are over 10 feet tall), and other rim resident's properties on Sunday, after the crews were finished clearing. There are more properties with this issue, but I did not photograph them all.

The only solution I see is to move the fence back 2' from my property wall, or figure out a different way to secure the fence right up to my property line so there is no space between for weeds to grow. If the City/RAP continues to ignore this issue, I assume the LAFD will continue to cite them. I copied Warren Sutton, who is already aware of this issue.

To provide more context, below is the history of my correspondence with the City over the past 4 years, during the planning phase. I attempted to get ahead of it to avoid this situation.

Thank you for your help with this issue. Take care,

Brooke Klein

On May 31, 2019, at 12:36 PM, Brooke > wrote:

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>>>> Hi Felice,

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>>>> Potrero Canyon residents and I are concerned about the 1' space between our properties and the park once the permanent fence is installed. Some residents are copied on this email. We assume the city is responsible for maintaining that area (it is already overgrown and will become a fire hazard). If so, please let us know the exact maintenance plan and schedule. Thank you,

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>>>> Brooke

Brooke < >

To:Lisa Cahill

Cc:Finn-Olaf Jones,Pedro Garcia

Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 1:03 PM

"Another concern I have is about the dead space between our property line and the temporary/permanent fence. I emailed Pedro two weeks ago asking who was going to maintain this area as it is an eyesore and a fire hazard. I did not get a response then the city crew came on Saturday and maintained the area inside the temporary fence but did not maintain the area between the two fences. Summer is here and this will be ugly dead weeds before we know it. This is a big problem."

On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 2:26 PM Lisa Cahill <lisa.cahill@lacity.org> wrote:

We have also discussed the placement of the fences, both the construction fence and any final park fencing. **Our office is very concerned about the space being maintain in between the two fences and any potential resulting issues.** Pedro, is it possible to address this space and maintain it better?

On Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 10:09 AM < > wrote:

Hi Lisa, Pedro, Cid and Felice,

Who will maintain the 1' space between our fence and the city's fence and how often?

Lisa replied on October 8, 2019:

"If a fence is installed, it will be on the city's property line. Maintenance will be as it is with any other, in that each owner will maintain their own property."

On October 8, 2019, Pedro Garcia Wrote:

"My apologies for causing confusion about the location of the fence. The draft plans call for the fence to be installed within 1-ft of the property line, however after further consideration to eliminate the maintenance issue within that 1-ft, we intend to install the fence at the property line and will make this revision on the final plans."

On Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 1:37 PM < > wrote:

Hi Pedro,

It looks like there is a dead space between our wall and the new fence, as we discussed before. It's not big enough for a person to get in with a weed whacker like we have been doing with the temporary fence so I'm not sure how to maintain that space. It's on city property, not ours. The weeds grow up really high.

Brooke Klein >

To:Felice Chen

Cc:Darryl Ford,Rick Tonthat,Kristen Ly

Fri, Apr 14 at 12:15 PM

"As you know, they will be clearing the brush to 200 feet from our structures. How do you plan on clearing the 9" of City land between the City fence and our retaining wall and fence? As you know, I asked years ago to make that space 2' wide so we could clear it (which we did the entire time the temporary fence was up), or put the fence right up to our wall so there was no dead space, but that did not happen :("

Brooke Klein >

To:felice.chen@lacity.org

Cc:darryl.ford@lacity.org,rick.tonthat@lacity.org,kristen.ly@lacity.org,michael.amster@lacity.org,

Wed, May 24 at 6:30 PM

Hi All,

I am following up on an email I sent over a month and a half ago to Kristin, Daryl, Rick and Felice, and I still have not received a response. I added Maryam Zar and Michael Amster. Hopefully you can help me!

The City placed their black 4 foot fence 9" away from our wall, so I am not able to get in to maintain the brush in that space, and I don't believe the City workers are able to get in that space with their weed whackers. For years, I emailed back and forth with Pedro Garcia (former project manager) and Kristin Ly (present project manager) and asked them to work with me to prevent a dead space between my property wall and their 4' fence. I asked them to either put their fence right up to our wall, or to put it 2 feet away so either the City, or I could get in to clear the heavy brush. The temporary fence was placed 2 feet away from my wall, so I bought a weed whacker and maintained that space for the City for years because they were unable to get in to clear their own land, and it was a fire hazard.

Please explain to me how this brush will be cleared to comply with the fire department's requirements. Warren Sutton told me the City was already cited for not clearing the brush by their recent deadline. I have already asked many times, but am asking again...please do not use toxic pesticides. The brush is getting brown and dry, and **the dead space, which is on City property**, is about 180 feet long around my house. I have attached photos.

7/21/2023

I still have not received a response.

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On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 7:34 PM Chris Spitz <> wrote:
 Thank you Brooke.

The continued existence of this brush presents a fire risk not simply for the homeowners involved. but for the entire neighborhood. In light of the circumstances, including the apparent prior City survey and previous acknowledgement by City representatives that these areas between the homeowner's fence and the City fence are Park property, I request that the City take steps as soon as possible to rectify this unfortunate (and hazardous) situation and to make whatever arrangements are necessary (whether hand pulling brush or moving the City fence) for brush clearance to occur in this area around Brooke's home and around any other homes where the same conditions are present.

Thank you.

Chris Spitz

From: <>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 3:49 PM
To: <>; Kristen Ly <kristen.ly@lacity.org>; felice.chen@lacity.org <felice.chen@lacity.org>; Darryl Ford <darryl.ford@lacity.org>; Cid Macaraeg <cid.macaraeg@lacity.org>; rap.commissioners@lacity.org <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>; Robert Buenrostro <robert.buenrostro@lacity.org>; Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>; Potrero <>; Maryam Zar <>; Pacpalicc Info <>; Chris Spitz <>; John Alle <>; Warren Sutton <warren.sutton@lacity.org>; David Card <>

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All,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer! Many of you on this email are aware about my concern regarding the dead space between my property wall and the City's black 4' chain link fence because I have been emailing with you for over 4 years. As I predicted and expressed, tall weeds have grown in this space, and it is a fire hazard. The dead space directly outside my property line **extends approximately 180 feet**, so it is a very large area.

I asked Felice Chen, Cid Macaraeg, Pedro Garcia, Kristen Ly, Daryl Ford and more, if they would place the fence right up against my property wall. I asked if that was not possible, to place it 2' away so someone could get in to maintain the area. Neither happened, so no one is able to get in there to clear it. I spoke to the terrific Waste Unlimited crew that was clearing outside the 4' fence, who tried to clear the space, but they were unable to get in there. They suggested that the City move the fence in order to gain access to clear the weeds.

I maintained this space myself for years while the temporary fence was up during construction. I paid someone a few months ago to pull the weeds out by hand, but I will not do that again. **It has been established that this is City/RAP land, and not mine** (the City did the survey and put the stakes right up against my walls), **and Pedro, Lisa, Kristin and Felice all acknowledged this.**

The Fire Department required RAP to clear the brush within 200 feet of any structures. This is about 30 feet from my structure on 2 sides of my home (approximately 180 feet long). The City/RAP were cited for not clearing this back in April, and I assume if they continue to ignore this issue, then they will be cited again and again until this area is cleared. This is a design flaw, which those in charge ignored, and should be the City's responsibility to rectify this issue, not RAP's who is responsible for clearing these impossible spaces.

In June 2019, Lisa Cahill said, **"Our office is very concerned about the space being maintain in between the two fences and any potential resulting issues."**



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Thank you and welcome from Pacific Palisades

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 7:29 AM

To: Maryam Zar <>

Cc: Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Cathie Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, Sonya Young-Jimenez <sonya.young-jimenez@lacity.org>, Jasmine Dowlatshahi <jasmine.dowl@lacity.org>, Andy Starrels <>, PPCC PPCC <>

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 6:31 PM Maryam Zar <> wrote:

Dear Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, and Commissioners Fiona Hutton, Marie Lloyd and Benny Tran,

It was a pleasure for Dave Card, Julie Silliman and I to join you on Thursday to welcome you to this valuable Commission and to introduce ourselves and our community of Pacific Palisades.

Our Geography: As you may know, we are the western-most point of LA City, lodged between the SM Mountains and the Pacific Ocean traveling west, and the cities of Santa Monica and Malibu traveling north. We have sparse routes of ingress and egress with very high fire severity zone hillside streets and bluffs throughout our community. All the while, we serve Angelenos from everywhere for leisure stops at our beaches and hiking trails. We are proud to be an LA gem and eager to protect and preserve this wonderful enclave for all to enjoy.

Homelessness solutions: Years ago, we identified a growing homeless community on our beaches and bluffs. We swiftly formed the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (for which I served as founding Chair) under the authority of our Pacific Palisades Community Council (for which I currently Chair and Dave serves as Chair Emeritus), and effectively interfaced with the our homeless population to help house many, offer services to most, and effectively reduce the the problem in our environs with an ongoing positive solution.

Public/Private Partnernships: We continue to be a proactive community that is committed to public/private partnerships to solve issues that arise. Most recently, we have formed a committee to address the issues that arise from the vast 45 acre, unattended George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon (GWPPC), which opened on December 10, 2022, and is a passive park which opens at sunrise and closes at sundown (per city ordinance). Among the issues we are addressing are proper signage to inform people of the uses that are allowed in this unique open space, and notice park goers of the foundations of the Park and its place in our community, not just as a recreation space but a historic land with a great contributions to Los Angeles. These signs are crucial and some have been submitted to your fine Commission for approval.

George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon: Featuring walking trails alongside a natural riparian habitat and breathtaking ocean vistas, Potrero Canyon Park was developed through a unique public/private partnership over the course of decades. The effort has culminated in an exceptional open space for all to enjoy! The Park is overseen at present by our (small by comparison and sparsely staffed) Palisades Recreation Center. The Sr. Director, Jasmine Dowlatshahi, is an exceptional leader and has managed both Parks since the addition of GWPPC in December. The Palisades Rec Center itself is in dire need of new ADA compliant bathrooms and playground, while Potrero Canyon Park will soon embark upon fulfilling the required coastal access that the CA Coastal Commission has required.

An Invitation: As we look ahead, we'd like to invite you to come to the Palisades and become familiar with our community. We would welcome an opportunity to host you at the George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon and to offer you our Rec Center's large gymnasium for a Commission meeting, anytime this year.

Please let us know when you might be interested.

Thank you and best,
Maryam Zar
Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) President
Park Advisory Board (PAB) Secretary

(Sample of GWPPC signs approved by our community, attached)

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EXHIBITS TO SIGN MOTION

PPCC Agenda
June 8, 2023



George Wolfberg Park at Potrero Canyon

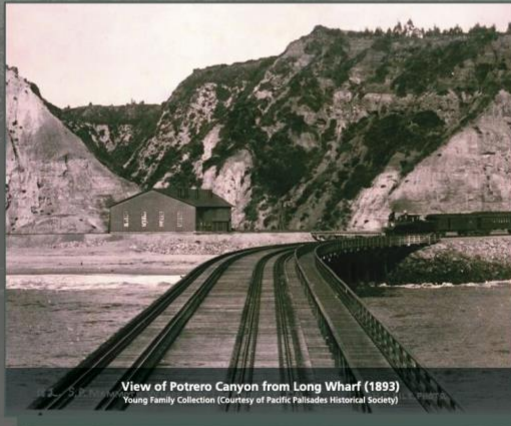


Canyon History

- 1900 - 1920s – Potrero Canyon was surrounded by agricultural land and open fields.
- 1920s - 1950s – The Canyon was increasingly surrounded by residential and commercial development.
- 1950s - 1980s – Homes along the rim of the Canyon experienced varying degrees of damage due to erosion and instability of the Canyon slopes. The City of L.A. purchased the Canyon land in 1964.
- 1980s - 2022 – After a lawsuit settlement, the City purchased multiple residential lots along the rim of the Canyon and developed a plan to stabilize the slopes and restore habitat in the Canyon. The park you see today is the result of those efforts.

Historia del Cañón

- 1900 - 1920s – El Cañón del Potrero estaba rodeado de tierras agrícolas y campos abiertos.
- 1920s - 1950s – El Cañón estaba cada año más rodeado por el desarrollo residencial y comercial.
- 1950s - 1980s – Las casas alrededor del Cañón fueron dañadas debido a la erosión e inestabilidad de las laderas del Cañón. La ciudad de Los Ángeles compró los terrenos del Cañón en 1964.
- 1980s - 2022 – Después de un acuerdo judicial, la Ciudad compró múltiples lotes residenciales alrededor del Cañón y desarrolló un plan para estabilizar las laderas y restaurar el hábitat del Cañón. El parque que se ve hoy es el resultado de esos esfuerzos.

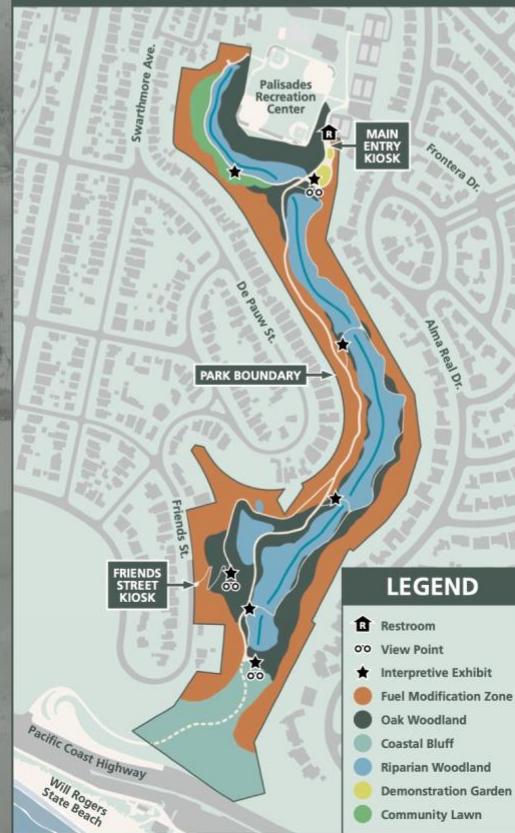


View of Potrero Canyon from Long Wharf (1893)
Young Family Collection (Courtesy of Pacific Palisades Historical Society)



Potrero Canyon construction site (2019)
Photo by Richard Fisher

PARK MAP





GEORGE WOLFBERG PARK
at Potrero Canyon

PASSIVE PARK



Enjoy your visit!

Meet George Wolfberg



The Wizard of the Palisades



George cherished his wife Diane, their three children, and extended family.
Photo credit: David Davies

Potrero Canyon Park was born under the careful guidance and leadership of George S. Wolfberg. A renowned public servant and Pacific Palisades community volunteer, George devoted his life to the people and open spaces of Los Angeles. He treasured our City's multicultural fabric and advocated for accessible parks, beaches, bike paths, and nature trails for all to enjoy.

As the City of Los Angeles Chief Administrative Analyst, George worked in quiet ways leaving an enduring mark. In preparing the successful bid for the 1984 Olympics, he added women's cycling. He also implemented a contracting policy modeled throughout North America to see an end to Apartheid in South Africa.

As Chair of the Potrero Canyon Community Advisory Committee, George led a collaborative, community-driven effort that spanned decades. In addition to his wealth of experience working for the City, his toolkit included active engagement, perseverance, a steady temperament, and a deep well of patience. Under his guidance, the park not only serves area residents but also provides a destination for all Angelenos. George embodied what any citizen and activist can achieve. He strove to leave everything he touched better than he found it. We invite you to do the same and to enjoy your visit here.

April 22, 1938 - February 5, 2020

For more details visit:
www.wolfbergparkpotrero.org



El Mago de las Palisades



Nationally certified, George refereed thousands of games in the Palisades area.
Photo Credit: Rich Schmitt Photography

Potrero Canyon Park nació bajo la atenta dirección y liderazgo de George S. Wolfberg. Funcionario público de renombre y voluntario de la comunidad de Pacific Palisades, George dedicó su vida a la gente y a los espacios abiertos de Los Ángeles. Atesoró el tejido multicultural de nuestra ciudad y abogó por parques, playas, carriles bici y senderos naturales accesibles para el disfrute de todos.

Como Analista Administrativo Jefe de la Ciudad de Los Ángeles, George trabajó de forma discreta dejando una huella perdurable. En la preparación de la exitosa candidatura para los Juegos Olímpicos de 1984, añadió el ciclismo femenino. También puso en marcha una política de contratación que sirvió de modelo en toda Norteamérica para ver el fin del apartheid en Sudáfrica.

Como Presidente del Comité Asesor Comunitario de Potrero Canyon, George dirigió un esfuerzo de colaboración impulsado por la comunidad que se prolongó durante décadas. Además de su dilatada experiencia trabajando para la ciudad, su kit de herramientas incluía un compromiso activo, perseverancia, un temperamento firme y una gran paciencia. Bajo su dirección, el parque no sólo sirve a los residentes de la zona, sino que también es un destino para todos los angelinos. George encarnaba lo que cualquier ciudadano y activista puede conseguir. Se esforzaba por dejar todo lo que tocaba mejor de lo que lo encontró. Le invitamos a hacer lo mismo y a disfrutar de su visita.

22 de abril de 1938 - 5 de febrero de 2020

Existing RAP Sign at Potrero – suggested edits/additions:

① NO FIREARMS OR FIREWORKS.
LAMC 63.44.B.21

② LAMC 63.44.P.1



③ NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

RIDE BIKES, E-BIKES AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON MAIN SERVICE ROAD ONLY.
LAMC 63.44.B.16 LAMC 63.44.B.7

Changes proposed to the Rules sign

Notes re suggested revisions to existing RAP sign:

- 1) Delete:** “No blocking pathways,” etc. – *the cited LAMC provision has been **suspended**.*

Add: “No firearms or fireworks” (with citation to LAMC 63.44.B.21).

That section provides:

63.44.B.21:

“No person shall carry or discharge any firearms, firecrackers, fireworks, rockets, model rockets, torpedoes, airgun or slingshot.”

- 2) Delete:** “except on approved portable stoves or hearths” – *there are **no approved portable stoves or hearths in Potrero**.*

Add: Additional citation to LAMC 63.44.P.1.

That section provides:

64.44.P.1 –

“P. Within the limit of any park designated by this subsection as being in a high fire hazard zone and between April 1 and November 1 of each year:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, no person shall light, ignite, set fire to, or burn any substance, or maintain an open flame of any kind for any purpose, including but not limited to cooking and barbecuing, except in areas specifically designated and posted to allow open flames.”

[Note also: “Potrero Canyon Park” is designated under LAMC 63.44.P.3 as one of the LA parks located in a “high fire hazard zone.”]

- 3) Delete:** “No events may extend into tree,” etc. – *citation unknown, no such LAMC provision.*

Add: “No motorized vehicles,” etc., with additional relevant citations.

Those sections provide:

63.44.B.16 –

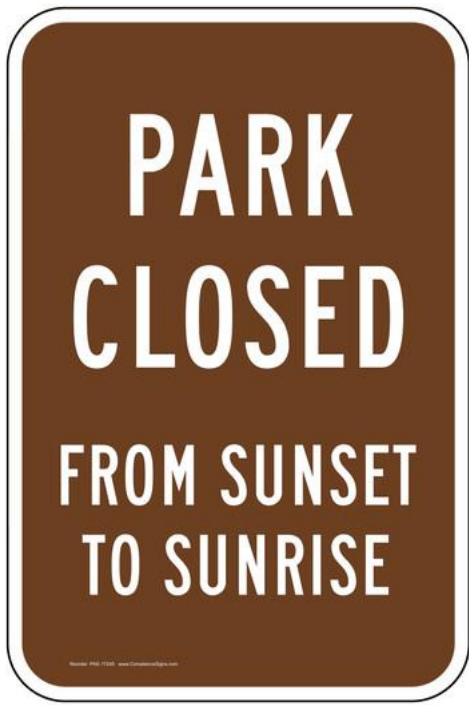
“No person shall drive or ride any cycle or vehicle, whether powered by a motor or human power, except on paths, roads or drives designed and provided for such purposes.”

64.44.B.7 –

“No person shall use any area or facility set aside, used, maintained or designated for a specific recreational or park purpose by the Board, Department or Commission, where reasonable notice of such designation or purpose is given by signs posted thereon, for a purpose contrary to or inconsistent with such specific or designated purpose.”



Current Rules sign in the Park now



**PARK
CLOSED**

**FROM SUNSET
TO SUNRISE**

www.ParkSigns.com



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: DTLA Resident Concerns - Pershing Square

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 7:22 AM

To: Jen Linck <j

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 6:42 PM Jen Linck <

> wrote:

Dear Recs & Park Commission,

As a DTLA resident living on the block next to Pershing Square, I'm writing to you about the concerts being held regularly in Pershing Square. These concerts are problematic for the local residents in a few different ways -

1. First, these concerts are incredibly loud. You cannot have a conversation with anyone while walking down the street near the park. I have to wear noise cancelling headphones in my own apartment during the concerts. And I cannot go to sleep until the concert is over, even with white noise turned on. My building is not right on the park, so I imagine it's even worse for people in Park Fifth or the Biltmore, for example.
2. Second, the concerts used to end at 11pm and your flyers indicate they will end at 11pm; however, they don't actually end until midnight on Saturdays and one concert earlier this year went after midnight. Concerts in a residential neighborhood should end no later than 11pm, even on a Saturday.
3. Third, Pershing Square is the closest park to me. It's where I walk my dog. It's one of very few green spaces in downtown. But it's perpetually closed. It's been closed for all of July, even though your marketing says it will only close on weekends. And then once the concerts are over, it will be closed for months while you reseed the grass. As a resident, I have to deal with the noise, the traffic, AND I lose my park for weeks and months on end. It's unfair to all of us who have committed to living downtown to help revitalize the area.

While I'm sure it seems like a great idea to have concerts to generate foot traffic which you likely expect will generate revenue for local businesses, unfortunately I think that's a short-sighted point of view. What DTLA really needs is more residents like me. People who live here full time and are regular customers at the restaurants, grocery stores, and other businesses. People like me who view DTLA as their *home*. These concerts and the resulting lack of respect for the residents will only cause people to move away.

Assuming you will not stop having these concerts, I think you could mitigate the pain to residents in a variety of small ways, including –

- Make sure that the music ends no later than 11pm.
- Bring down the sound levels to where they don't make apartments nearby shake.
- Invest in other green spaces nearby like the much-neglected Spring Street Park; and find ways to create new green spaces and shade. (This is good for the environment as well, especially given climate change.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen - DTLA resident since April 2019

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Jen Linck



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Crestwood Hills Park - South Field Re-Seeding

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 26, 2023 at 8:01 AM

To: Andrew Sachs < >

Cc: Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org>, councilmember.park@lacity.org, Cathie Santo Domingo <cathie.santodomingo@lacity.org>, rap.partnerships@lacity.org, lamayornews@lacity.org, Mayor.scheduling@lacity.org

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 9:15 PM Andrew Sachs < > wrote:
LA Rec & Parks Commissioners, Council Member Park & Mr. Solis,

In March of 2022, I reached out to Mike Shull, the General Manager of LA Recreation and Parks, to address a maintenance lapse in Crestwood Hills Park. I received a phone call from Robert Brenda, and action was promised. I was told that parts had been ordered and that the sprinkler system would take a few months to be upgraded. Once that repair was complete, the field would be reseeded.

Unfortunately, nothing has happened to improve the situation since that phone call. Indeed the condition in the park has continued to deteriorate due to negligence. Fence posts go unprepared to the point of being a safety and liability issue. Trees die and have not been replaced. The lack of shade dries out the grass, most of which is not irrigated. Any grass growing in the south field has been replaced by weeds that produce dangerous foxtails. One dog has died, and another was seriously injured after inhaling fox tails. A similar issue was [featured in the LA Times a few days ago](#).

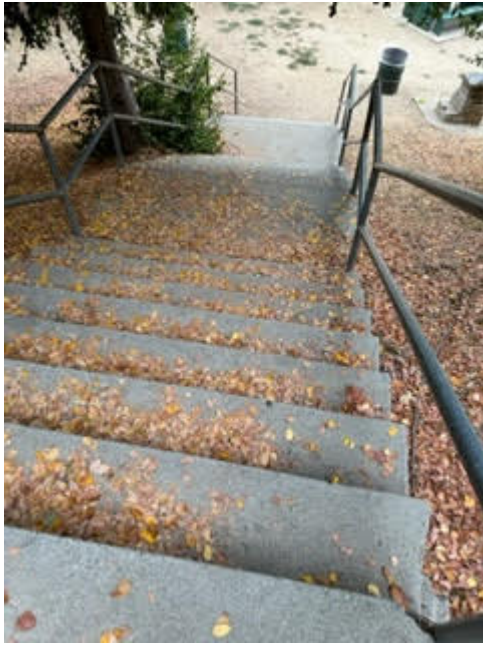
Every day fewer people use a park that has long been a treasured community asset because it has become an overheated dustbowl that is dangerous for children and pets.

The baseball field reseeded just a few years ago is already being overtaken by invasive grasses. Gopher holes abound, which are not only a nuisance but an attraction for rattlesnakes, which nearby signs in the park have long warned about.

In short, the negligence in the park is not just a disgrace; our community gathering spot has become a danger and liability to the neighborhood. My kids had their birthday parties in Crestwood Hills Park when they were young. It was one of the reasons why we chose to move to the neighborhood. I would not take them there today, and I fear the condition of the park will become a drag on property values. That is a shame, and I beg you to take action and restore the park to its former glory.

Sincerely,
-Andrew Sachs





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On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:08 AM, Javier Solis <javier.solis@lacity.org> wrote:

Mike,

I will have the Regional Manager assess and follow up.

On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org> wrote:

Javier,

Please follow up with this constituent and advise on maintenance status. Thank you.

Mike Shull

General Manager

City of Los Angeles, Dept. of Recreation and Parks

michael.a.shull@lacity.org

On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 1:15 PM Andrew Sachs <

> wrote:

Dear Mr.Shull,

I regularly walk my dog and gather with friends in the South or Open Field of Crestwood Hills Park. Over the past two years, we have noticed that the LA Department of Recreation and Parks has stopped maintaining this section of the park. The grass has dried up due to broken sprinklers, and trees that have died have not been replaced. As a result of this lack of care, the South Field has become a dustbowl with a severe erosion issue developing, which will only worsen over time.

I seek your assistance to correct this maintenance lapse. Please close the field for as long as is necessary to install new sprinklers, re-seed the South Field of Crestwood Hills Park, and then set a proper plan to maintain the park. If the work to restore the park can be done in two parts to allow us to continue to gather in the park, that would be great. If not, please do what is necessary to restore Crestwood Hills Park to its former glory.

Please note that we have attempted to work with Council Member Bonin's office to rectify this issue, but they have run into bureaucratic pushback from RAP, blaming the damage to the park on the people using the park. The claim from RAP is they believe it would not be a worthwhile endeavor to re-seed a field that dogs have largely damaged only to repeat the cycle and have the field again be damaged by dogs."


Yet the damage results from sustained mismanagement and not from the community. Members of the Crestwood Hills community and Brentwood have been gathering in this field for over twenty years without issue. They walk their dogs, play sports, and otherwise enjoy the field without significantly damaging it. The problems began as sprinklers stopped working, broken sprinklers were not repaired, and grass died section by section from lack of water. By the time the sprinklers system died altogether, our beautiful community resource had been reduced to an eyesore.

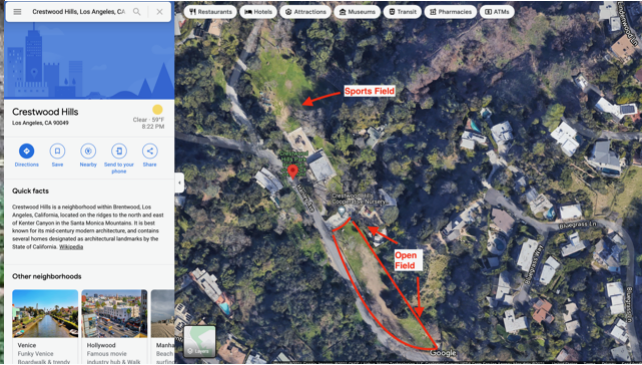
I can tell you that a large group of people who regularly use the park would be happy to get involved to assist RAP in restoring the field to health. Just tell us what you need, and we will be pleased to roll up our sleeves and work side by side with RAP to bring our beloved community resource back to health.

Finally, the erosion issue at the south end of the field should be dealt with now while still manageable.

I am happy to meet you in the park to discuss.

Best,
-Andrew Sachs

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: rita Claessens < >

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 12:07 PM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 11:43 AM rita Claessens < > wrote:

Dear sirs,

The problems at Griffith Park concerning the poor welfare of the ponies and other "petting" animals was picked up by the news in Belgium.

I'd like to thank General Manager Jimmy Kim for not renewing the Griffith Park and Pony Rides contract, and for shutting it down.

I'd like to urge you to push your humane policies forward by replacing the concession with a non-animal model.

Councilmember Paul Koretz, who was Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee said the situation with the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo was "not good for the animals." The conditions were not conducive to their long-term health and well-being.

- On October 25th, 2022 councilmembers Nithya Raman, Bob Blumenfield, Paul Koretz, and Curren Price submitted a motion stating that although Stephen Weeks made some improvements, the Griffith Park and Pony Rides continued to receive complaints of critical measures that did not ensure the well-being of the elderly ponies, such as using them for rides in 100-degree temperatures. With such knowledge, it is clear that the city cannot reform such industries and ensure the safety and well being of children riding and interacting with animals, or ensure that an operator is meeting guidelines that relate to California animal cruelty laws.

- Animal interactions can cause transfer of illness. Petting zoos are hotbeds of E. coli bacteria, and numerous children have been infected with the potentially deadly bug after visiting such displays. Infections can spread through direct animal contact or mere touching of the surroundings near an animal exhibit.

- Pony rides, and any animals on display, place the lives of children at risk. In 2018 a child was ejected from a pony, then her body was dragged. Another child's body was also dragged in 2021. Please choose for a non animal model to entertain the public.

With kind regards
Rita Claessens
Belgium

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Re: ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL ABUSE AT GRIFFITH PARK, PLEASE

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Karen Emanuel <

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:53 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 2:27 PM Karen Emanuel <

> wrote:

Hi! Those ponies have been through enough. How many times do we have to document substandard care and abuse? Let's switch to a non exploitive, non animal model.

Thank you,

Karen Emanuel

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Re: Animal welfare

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Suzanne Beaton <

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:53 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 3:01 PM Suzanne Beaton <

> wrote:

: I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Sent from my iPhone

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Re: Bring back the Griffith Park Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Sherry Breskin <

Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 7:24 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 10:07 PM Sherry Breskin <

> wrote:

I'm a long time resident of Los Angeles and was birthday gifted a treat at the Pony Rides at about age 7. And now I ride weekly because of this great experience. Please let's get all sides of this challenging discussion together with the new, Mayor Bass's Commissioner and get positive discussions going as to how can we re-create a new Pony Rides experience in this marvelous venue. So many families use the park for gatherings. They take advantage of many opportunities in the park for picnics and when finances allow treat their kids to the real experience. It's local, it's attractive, it historically relative and can allow for an enjoyable family experience.

My suggestion is that we add a G P code of conduct to avoid having a sad and disturbing yelling confrontation in the future.

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park Pony Rides Replacement

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: marisa landsberg

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:53 AM

Good morning,

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On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 7:07 PM marisa landsberg <

wrote:

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Thank you,
Mrs Marisa Landsberg

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Re: Griffith Park pony rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 7:20 AM

To: Jett <

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Good morning,

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> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kim Jett and I am with Animal Defenders International, based here in Los Angeles, and had called into the meeting on Thursday on behalf of our supporters in LA, but had not been called on to speak. We would like to extend our thanks to General Manager Jimmy Kim for NOT renewing the Griffith Park pony rides and petting zoo contract.

We respectfully request that no animal attractions are added in its place.

There were repeated complaints about the conditions of the animals used at the pony rides and petting zoo, including lack of proper veterinary care/records, and extreme heat conditions that the animals were forced to endure, as we are all feeling right now!

These events also pose concerns about both children safety and health issues when interacting with unknown animals.

This is a great opportunity to add environmental educational programs, or other outdoor recreational activities for children and families that do not exploit animals for entertainment.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect animals in Los Angeles.

Best,

Kim Jett

[Executive Director](#)



Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Amanda Hedgpeth <

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 7:10 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 4:55 PM Amanda Hedgpeth <

> wrote:

I
urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Amanda Turner

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Important

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:59 AM

To: Tammy <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 10:08 AM Tammy <

> wrote:

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: LA City Council File: 21-1457

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Victoria Miller <

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:58 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:46 PM Victoria Miller < > wrote:
To Whom It May Concern,

As a third-generation Angeleno, I am writing to urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals; including environmental & LA history education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park).

Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Thank you for taking action on this issue, and for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Victoria Miller
Los Angeles, CA

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: My Comments on Griffith Park Pony Rides issue.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Bill Giordano <

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 7:30 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 22, 2023 at 11:06 AM Bill Giordano <

> wrote:

Dear Commissioners. Good Morning. My name is Bill Giordano. I am a 30 year retired educator. I live in Santa Barbara, Ca. but take trips to Los Angeles often and try to always include visits to Griffith Park. I have been following the 'tragic plight' of the Griffith Park Ponies and Petting Zoo through the News and Online. I'd like to commend General Manager Jimmy Kim for not renewing the Pony Rides Contract....and for Your support of that decision. I would strongly urge Mr. Kim, You the Commissioners, and the Department of Parks and Recreation to replace the Pony Rides with a Non-Animal Model!

Finally, I am also a small business owner and fully realize that Mr. Weeks needs to make a living, like we all do. I would support him being considered in the operation of the Non Animal Model that would replace the Pony Rides....and I know there are many alternatives on the table.

Thankyou for Your Time and Consideration. Appreciate all that You do!

Sincerely,

Bill Giordano

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Bill Giordano

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NO animal abuse in Los Angeles!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:51 AM

To: Nic D <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 10:16 AM Nic D <

> wrote:

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Dr. Kellen Dunn

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No animals used for profit.

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:52 AM

To: ron mcgill <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM ron mcgill <

> wrote:

I urge the department of recreation and the city of Los Angeles to implement a non-animal model in place of the previous pony rides, that sadly existed in Griffith Park for over 70 years. Bringing children to ride on the backs of elderly ponies. Only teaches children that it is OK to abuse animals. It is not enrichment.

If people want to bring their children to interact with animals, there are animal sanctuaries all around Los Angeles, where children can interact with hundreds of rescued animals living their lives in peace and freedom.

Animal abuse for profit should absolutely remain a sad footnote, and no longer be practiced in our great city.

Thank you.

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No live animals please

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Mechelle Bollon <

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 7:13 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 9:41 PM Mechelle Bollon <

> wrote:

L.A. City,

Please do not allow any other innocent animals to be exploited, neglected and used as objects. Please replace the Griffith park and pony ride with a non-animal model that everyone can enjoy without using and harming innocent animals.

Warm regards,
Mechelle Bollon

from Sheli The Pet Nanny's iPhone

"The Sun Shines on Everyone. It Doesn't Make Choices."

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No more animal abuse

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 7:19 AM

To: Anita Liao <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 11:54 AM Anita Liao <

> wrote:

Hi,

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do NOT involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice. Animals are not ours to exploit. Thank you.

Best,
Anita

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: NON animal model entertainment

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 7:13 AM

To: Nazila Mah <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 8:10 PM Nazila Mah <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern.

Please bring a non animal model as a form of entertainment and education to the kids at Griffith park. With the global warming it is more and more unbearable for animal especially with thick coat to be out there in the gorging heat working. It just doesn't make sense. If you were out there working in that heat, you would know. Right?

Thank you

Concerned citizen

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Non animal models for Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Donna Mo <>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:51 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 11:10 AM Donna Mo <> wrote:

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: non-animal activity @ Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:51 AM

To: Alice and Andy <

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Cc:

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 11:24 AM Alice and Andy <

> wrote:

We urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park).

Respectfully,

Alice Weston & Andy Kopetzky


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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: On pony rides at Griffith Park 

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:51 PM

To: Suzan Alparslan <

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 11:37 PM Suzan Alparslan <

> wrote:

Hello. I am Suzan Alparslan, a Los Angeles voting constituent. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting on 7/20 regarding the matter of pony rides in Griffith Park. The following are things I've learned about the operation that cause me great ethical concerns regarding the wellbeing of the animals, as well as the safety of children.

- Councilmember Paul Koretz, who was Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee said the situation with the Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo was "not good for the animals." The conditions were not conducive to their long-term health and well-being.

- On October 25th, 2022 council members Nithya Raman, Bob Blumenfield, Paul Koretz, and Curren Price submitted a motion stating that although Stephen Weeks made some improvements, the Griffith Park and Pony Rides continued to receive complaints of **critical measures that did not ensure the well-being of the elderly ponies, such as using them for rides in 100-degree temperatures**. With such knowledge, it is clear that the city cannot reform such industries and ensure the safety and well being of children riding and interacting with animals, or ensure that an operator is meeting guidelines that relate to California animal cruelty laws.

- Animal interactions **can cause transfer of illness**. Petting zoos are hotbeds of E. coli bacteria, and numerous children have been infected with the potentially deadly bug after visiting such displays. Infections can spread through direct animal contact or mere touching of the surroundings near an animal exhibit.


- Pony rides, and any animals on display, place the lives of children at risk. In 2018 a **child was ejected from a pony, then her body was dragged. Another child's body was also dragged** in 2021.

I strongly urge you to **replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model**.

There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). **Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.**

Thank you,

Suzan Alparslan

Sent from Sūz 

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Forego Live Animals For Entertainment at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:57 AM

To: Alana Crow <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 11:23 AM Alana Crow <

> wrote:

Hello Griffith Park Decisionmakers:

I am writing to you as a wife, mother, entertainment lawyer, entrepreneur and animal rights activist asking that you please replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

The world is counting on your kindness ~ 🙏

Best ~

Alana Crow Esq.

*Super Lawyers Top Rated Entertainment Attorney 2024 - 2020
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LA Confidential Magazine "Woman of Influence" 2019*

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please make attractions at Griffith Park NON ANIMAL

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: cynthia lauren <
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Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:58 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 1:06 PM cynthia lauren <
> wrote:

Animals are hurt, abused and neglected when used as props to entertain humans.

There are plenty of things to do without exploiting the most vulnerable among us.

Please demonstrate your care and compassion and choose entertainment that doesn't hurt, abuse and kill the kindest among us, the animals

thank you

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Please Stand Up For Animals!

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Andrea Kaye < >

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:53 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 12:37 PM Andrea Kaye < > wrote:

Dear Leaders:

I have been a constituent living in West Los Angeles for more than 20 years.

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park).

The progressive approach used now by many companies and recreational facilities, is to choose a non-animal model.

Please select the compassionate choice for animals.

Thank you!

Andrea Kaye

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Ponmy Ridea Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Geraldine Bielke <>

Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 7:24 AM

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 2:21 PM Geraldine Bielke <> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal activity. There are many options to consider that do not involve animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or rock climbing. Please take a stand for animals and make a choice that makes the planet for animals a safe place to be. Show them compassion as much as you show compassion to human being.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely
Geraldine

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Pony Rides

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Marlene Goodman <

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:54 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 12:57 PM Marlene Goodman <

> wrote:
I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Marlene Goodman

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Real Ponies at Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: David Soyka < >

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:52 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 10:24 AM David Soyka < > wrote:

Hello, I would like to express my support to bring back real live ponies to Griffith Park. As a native Angelino, I have the fondest memories of the ponies and was lucky enough to bring my daughter there to ride countless times when she was growing up.

Please don't take this special amenity away from our city. This was an AFFORDABLE park feature that all could enjoy.

Thank you for the consideration.

Best regards,

David Soyka

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Requesting Non-animal model for Griffith park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:53 AM

To: Ruta Soltanpour <

Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 5:02 PM Ruta Soltanpour <

> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to replace the former Griffith Park Pony Rides and Petting Zoo with a non-animal model. There are many options to consider that do not involve harming and exploiting animals, including environmental education programs, recreational activities, and entertainment such as go-karts, obstacle courses, or a FUNBOX (an inflatable bounce park). Please take a stand for animals and make the compassionate choice.

Sincerely,

Ruta Soltanpour

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: Stop the pony rides in Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Tue, Jul 18, 2023 at 7:58 AM

To: Milo Addica <

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Good morning,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 1:14 PM Milo Addica <

> wrote:

My name is Milo Addica and I used to walk my dog in Griffith Park and would visit the pony rides. They looked miserable and had no lust for life. In the heat they would suffer. Please put and end to this. Animals are god's creatures.

Sent from my iPhone

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Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Re: No live animals please

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>
To: Mechelle Bollon <

Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 7:15 AM

Good morning,

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L.A. City,

Please do not allow any other innocent animals to be exploited, neglected and used as objects. Please replace the Griffith park and pony ride with a non-animal model that everyone can enjoy without using and harming innocent animals.

Warm regards,
Mechelle Bollon

from Sheli The Pet Nanny's iPhone

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Re: Griffith Park

1 message

Rap Commissioners <rap.commissioners@lacity.org>

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 2:52 PM

To: karen elger <

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Office, your email will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

On Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 12:25 PM karen elger <

> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kim and Commissioners,

I am writing today to urge you to please move forward with a non animal model for Griffith Park.

Thankyou to Mr. Kim for the humane decision to not renew the Griffith Park and Pony Rides.

The Griffith Park and Pony Rides

Petting Zoo was proof that when animals are used for profit and entertainment they suffer.

The animals were given proper basic care only when attention was brought to their sad situation.

Four ponies died and no one was even notified. We still do not know the whereabouts or what happened to 6 missing ponies.

There is also the issue of public health and safety with petting zoos and pony rides. Infections can be spread to children through direct animal contact or touching their surroundings.

Two incidents of children being dragged behind a pony have occurred.

It is not acceptable to bring any animals back to Griffith Park. There are so many other non- animal options.

Thankyou very much for your time.

Karen Elger

Sent from my iPhone

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