

BOARD REPORT

NO. 23-049

DATE March 2, 2023

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MACARTHUR PARK – PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION (PRJ21695) PROJECT – CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 4(3) [NEW GARDENING, TREE PLANTING, OR LANDSCAPING, BUT NOT INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL EXCEPT DEAD, DAMAGED OR DISEASED TREES OR LIMBS], CLASS 4(12) [MINOR TRENCHING AND BACKFILLING WHERE THE SURFACE IS RESTORED], AND CLASS 11(6) [CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF MINOR STRUCTURES ACCESSORY TO (APPURTENANT TO) EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15303(e), 15304(b) AND 15304(f) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	<i>Fur</i> C. Santo Domingo	<i>DF</i> _____
B. Jackson	_____	N. Williams	_____



 General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the scope of work and total budget for the MacArthur Park– Playground Installation (PRJ21695) Project (Project), as described in the Summary of this Report;
2. Approve the proposed Project to be bid and constructed through the RAP’s list of pre-qualified on-call contractors;
3. Approve the authorization of change orders as authorized under Report No. 06-136, for the construction contracts for this proposed Project in the budget contingency amounts for such contracts as stated in this Report;
4. Determine that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3) [New gardening, tree planting, or landscaping, but not including tree removal except dead, damaged or diseased trees or limbs], Class 4(12) [Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored], and Class 11(6) [Construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial or institutional facilities] of

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City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303(e), 15304(b) and 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines and direct RAP Staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Los Angeles County Clerk;

5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a NOE; and,
6. Authorize RAP staff to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

MacArthur Park is located at 2230 West 6th Street in the Westlake community of the City. This 29.87-acre property includes a play area, band shell, lake, synthetic meadow, and picnic areas. Approximately 41,695 residents live within a one-half mile walking distance of MacArthur Park. Due to the facilities, features, programs, and services it provides, MacArthur Park meets the standard for a Community Park, as defined in the City's Public Recreation Plan.

PROJECT SCOPE

The proposed Project includes the following:

- Construction and installation of a new playground in the southwest corner of the park.
- Installation of related landscaping, irrigation, path-of-travel improvements.
- Installation of fencing around the playground.
- Installation of hydration station(s), and related site amenities.

The rendering of the Project and the Project site are set forth in Attachments 1 and 2 of this Report, respectively.

PROJECT FUNDING

The proposed Project was awarded One Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$1,333,000.00) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the following program years:

- 2022-23 Program Year 48
- 2019-20 Program Year 45
- 2018-19 Program Year 44

A breakdown of the funding amounts from each CDBG program year is listed in the Funding Source Matrix section of this report.

Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council awarded Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds in 2019 for various proposed improvements at MacArthur Park (CF No. 14-1174-S75). A portion of those funds were used to help fund the replacement of one of the existing playgrounds at MacArthur Park (Report No. 21-021). At this time, there is Fifty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars

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(\$56,175.00) in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds remaining unspent. This remaining amount has been awarded to the proposed Project (CF No. 14-1174-S75).

The total amount of funding available for the proposed Project is One Million, Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$1,389,175.00), which will be the total budget for this Project inclusive of the budget contingency amounts set forth below.

It is anticipated that the following pre-qualified on-call contract will be used for the Project with the following budget contingency amount:

On-Call Contract	Budget Contingency Amount
Park Facilities	\$150,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE MATRIX

Source	Fund/Dept/Acct	Amount	Percentage
CDBG (PY 48)	424/21/21W528	\$500,000.00	36%
CDBG (PY 45)	424/43/43S771	\$600,000.00	43%
CDBG (PY 44)	424/43/43R771	\$233,000.00	17%
CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds	57D/22/22L9ST	\$56,175.00	4%
Total		\$1,389,175.00	100%

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

RAP Staff has determined that sufficient funding has been identified and construction for the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in Summer 2023.

TREES AND SHADE

This proposed Project will have no impact on the existing trees and shade at MacArthur Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of new gardening, and landscaping; minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored and construction and placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing institutional facilities.

According to the parcel profile report retrieved on February 9, 2023, this site is not within a coastal, methane, or liquefaction zone, so there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern or have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed Project. As of February 9, 2023 the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>) have not listed the Project site. Envirostor lists site 60000831 within 500 feet of the Project area. It is a school site, investigated in 2008, where the

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DTSC found that no further action was necessary. According to the Caltrans Scenic Highway Map there is no scenic highway located within the vicinity of the proposed Project or within its site. Furthermore, the proposed Project is located in MacArthur Park, a Historic Cultural Monument of the City of Los Angeles (HCM #100). The proposed Project, however, does not detract from the historic significance of the park and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of any historical resource.

Based in this information, staff recommends that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners (Board) determines that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15303(e), 15304(b), 15304(f) of California CEQA Guidelines. RAP Staff will file a NOE with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon the Board's approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this commitment of CDBG funds and CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds for this Project will have no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund. The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed Playground Installation are anticipated to be funded by funding sources other than RAP's General fund. The maintenance of the proposed Playground Installation can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance service at this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide Safe and Accessible Parks

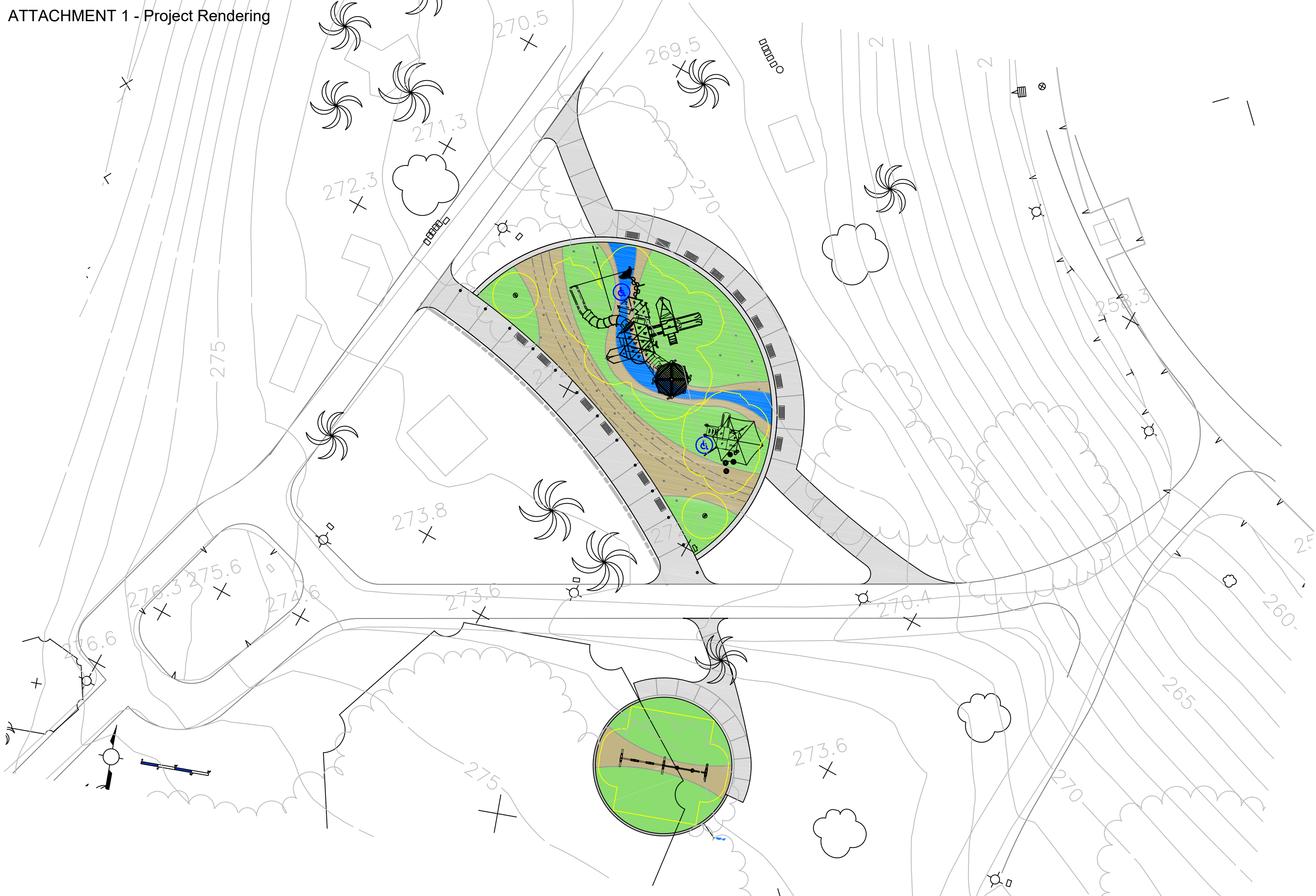
Outcome No. 2: All parks are safe and welcoming

Result: The installation of a new playground at MacArthur Park will enhance the park user's experience.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attachment 1 – Project Rendering
- 2) Attachment 2 – Project Site Map



MacArthur Park Playground- Project 106672-01-Opt 3 Color Opt 2
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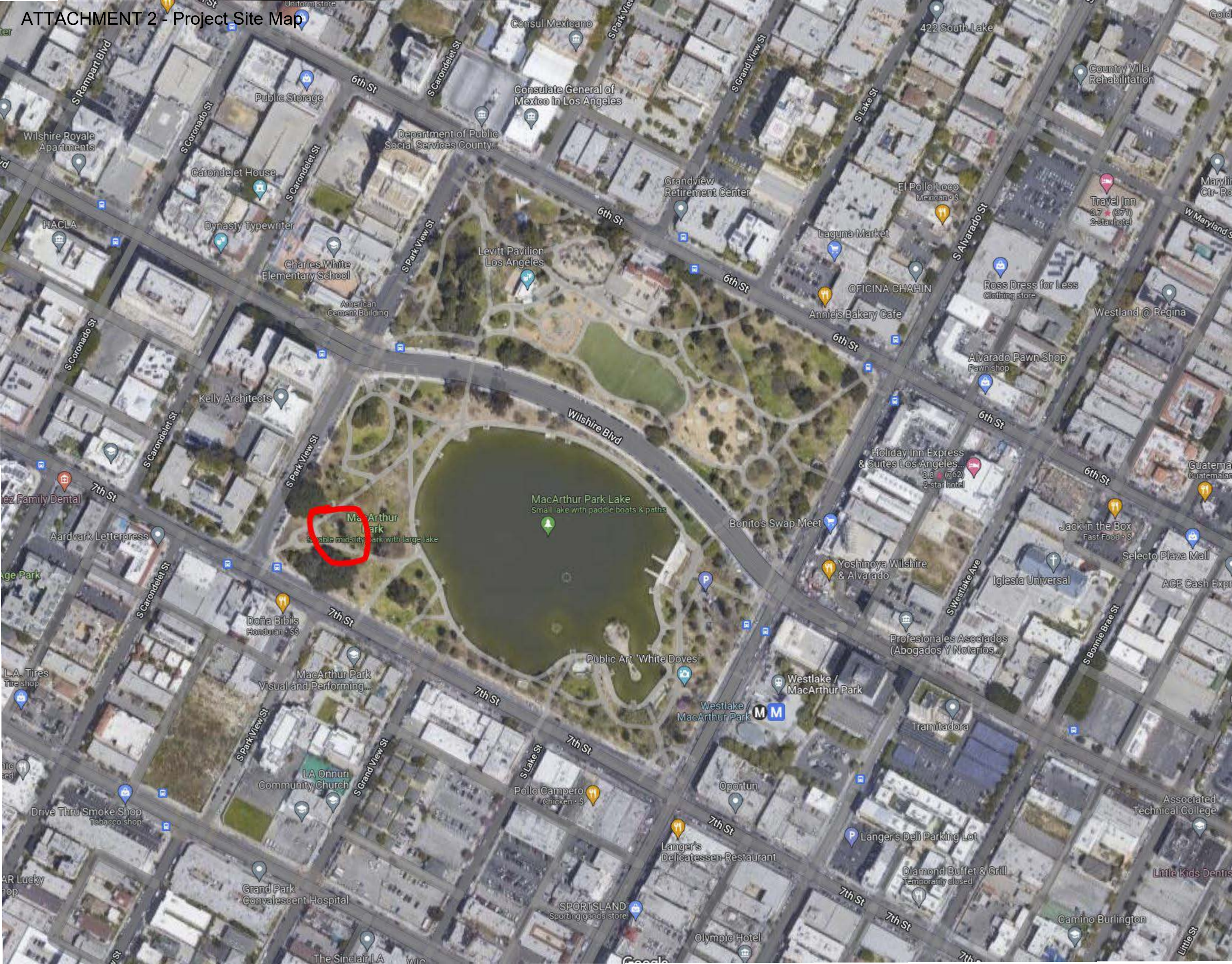
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ATTACHMENT 2 - Project Site Map



MacArthur Park
Stable mid-city park with large lake

MacArthur Park Lake
Small lake with paddle boats & paths

Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles

Charles White Elementary School

Levitt Pavilion Los Angeles

OFICINA CHAHIN

Annie's Bakery Cafe

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Los Angeles...
3.8 (762)
2-star hotel

Doña Bibi's
Honduran • \$

MacArthur Park
Visual and Performing...

LA Onnuri
Community Church

Pollo Campero
Chicken • \$

Westlake / MacArthur Park
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Langer's
Delicatessen-Restaurant

Grand Park
Convalescent Hospital

SPORTSLAND
Sporting goods store

Olympic Hotel

Diamond Buffet & Grill
Temporarily closed

Camino Burlington

Travel Inn
3.7 (371)
2-star hotel

Ross Dress for Less
Clothing store

Alvarado Pawn Shop
Pawn shop

Jack in the Box
Fast Food • \$

Iglesia Universal

Profesionales Asociados
(Abogados Y Notarios...)

Tramitadora

Associated
Technical College

Little Kids Dentis

Wilshire Royale
Apartments

HACLA

mez Family Dental

Aardvark Letterpress

L.A. Tires
Tire shop

Drive Thru Smoke Shop
Tobacco shop

AR Lucky
shop

The Sinclair LA

Google

Gold

Marilyn
Ctr- Ro

Guatemala
Guatemalan

ACE Cash Expr

Associated
Technical College

Little Kids Dentis