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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 12-225

DATE: July 19, 2012

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (ROUND ONE) PROJECTS – ASSUMPTION OF THREE GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

R. Adams _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	M. Shull _____
*V. Israel _____	N. Williams _____

[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the assumption, transfer, and submission of the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grants, which were originally submitted by and awarded to the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, for three proposed capital improvement projects – La Mirada New Park, Ord and Yale Street New Park, and Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park – subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolutions (Attachments A through C), which authorize the City of Los Angeles to apply for funds and accept the grants awarded under the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program for each proposed project and which designate the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed projects;
3. Direct staff to transmit forthwith a copy of the accompanying resolutions to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for City Council approval;

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4. Authorize the Department's General Manager to accept and receive the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant funds for each project, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, and subject to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
5. Authorize the Department's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program grant funds.

SUMMARY:

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

The Round One Request for Proposals for the Statewide Park Program was released in September 2009. At its meeting of February 20, 2010, the City Council authorized the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) to submit grant applications for the La Mirada New Park, Ord and Yale Street New Park, and Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park projects (Council File No. 09-2839). In November 2010, the CRA/LA was awarded a Proposition 84 grant for each of these projects. However, in January 2012, the CRA/LA was dissolved. As a result of the dissolution, the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) was asked to assume the grants and complete the projects on behalf of the City of Los Angeles (City).

To complete the assumption of these grants, the State Office of Grants and Local Services has requested that the City submit by August 31, 2012, a City Council approved Resolution approving the grant applications and accepting the transfer of the grants to the City.

The scope of work involved and status of each of the projects is as follows:

- La Mirada New Park – Create the new La Mirada Park in the City of Los Angeles through the development of a 0.17 acre parcel, including the construction of a new path, lawn area, gathering space, play area, native and seasonal garden, streetscape and perimeter edge, and public art. A summary of the project scope and project concept is attached to this Report as Exhibit Nos. 1A and 1B. On April 21, 2010, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) accepted transfer of \$413,000 in Assembly

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Bill 1290 (AB 1290) funds from the CRA/LA for acquisition costs and authorized the acquisition of the property located at 5401 La Mirada Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029, for this project (Board Report No. 10-095). The deed was recorded on April 26, 2010, and thus the City/Department now owns the property. The project is currently in the pre-design phase. The original Proposition 84 grant application submitted by the CRA/LA was for \$1,223,300, which included funding for the acquisition of the site. The CRA/LA had intended that the AB 1290 funds for acquisition would be reimbursed with Proposition 84 funds. However, the reimbursement did not occur prior to the CRA/LA being dissolved. Thus, the State has eliminated \$413,000 in funding for acquisition from the grant award. Therefore, the grant amount that will be transferred to the City for development of the site is \$810,300.

- Ord and Yale Street New Park – Create the new Ord and Yale Street Park in the City of Los Angeles through the development of a 0.58 acre parcel, including the construction of a new playground, fitness zone, plaza and performing arts space, fitness trail, upper viewing terrace, restroom, and related amenities. A summary of the project scope and project concept is attached to this Report as Exhibit Nos. 2A and 2B. This project will be part of the Proposition K Alpine Recreation Center Expansion project for which Proposition K funds were specified in the Ballot Measure to be used solely for the acquisition of property to expand the existing Alpine Recreation Center. The Proposition 84 grant amount to be transferred to the City is \$4,999,705. The acquisition portion of the Ord and Yale New Park project's original scope will be funded using Proposition K funds in an amount up to \$1,212,013. Geotechnical and site assessment due diligence, CEQA compliance, and acquisition negotiations are currently in process for the Ord and Yale New Park (aka Alpine Recreation Center Expansion project).
- Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park – Create the new Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park in the City of Los Angeles through the acquisition and development of 0.26 acres, including the construction of a new entry plaza and picnic area, children's playground, fitness zone, interactive plant and water demonstration garden, botanical learning garden, walking trail, "rolling" hill, and an indoor/outdoor learning/community center. A summary of the project scope and project concept is attached to this Report as Exhibit Nos. 3A and 3B. The Proposition 84 grant amount to be transferred to the City is \$2,898,340. Site assessment due diligence, CEQA compliance, and acquisition negotiations are currently in process for this project.

The Department's Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Division staff have worked in cooperation with the concerned Council District Offices, Mayor's Office, City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and CRA/LA representatives to assess the viability of these projects and have determined that these projects are viable. The Department is able to complete these projects by the 2017 grant deadline as the Proposition 84 awarded funds are believed to be

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sufficient to complete the above scopes with the exception of the Ord and Yale New Park project, which requires Proposition K funding for acquisition for expansion of the Alpine Recreation Center as described above. There are no known challenges to completing the three projects anticipated at this time.

Assuming Board approval of the recommendations in this Report, the appropriate recommendations will be submitted to the City Council for consideration and approval. Thereafter, the State will prepare that grant contracts for each project and will submit the contracts to the City/Department for review and execution which will constitute the City acceptance of the grants. However, prior to execution of the grant contracts, pursuant to the City's Grants Ordinance, the Department will transmit to City Council a request for final authorization to accept each of the grants. The recommendations in this report if approved by the Board constitute the Board's authorization to accept the grants and execute the grant contracts. Therefore, actions relating to final acceptance of the grants will only be submitted to the Board for these three projects if Board action is required regarding any additional funding necessary to complete any of the projects or regarding CEQA compliance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Prior to undertaking the activities for which each grant is being sought, as lead agency for the projects, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The La Mirada New Park project was determined to be categorically exempt under CEQA in April 2010 as part of the acquisition phase (see Board Report No. 10-095). The appropriate CEQA documentation for the Ord and Yale Street New Park and the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park will be completed and submitted in accordance with the terms of the grant contract.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The assumption, transfer, and submission of grant applications, approval of authorizing resolution and resolution accepting the designated projects has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion, which is estimated to be in fiscal year 2017 are currently unknown.

This report was prepared by Kai Wong, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A -- Resolution for La Mirada New Park
- Attachment B -- Resolution for Ord and Yale Street New Park
- Attachment C -- Resolution for Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park

Exhibits:

- Exhibit No. 1A -- Scope Summary for La Mirada New Park
- Exhibit No. 1B -- Project Concept for La Mirada New Park
- Exhibit No. 2A -- Scope Summary for Ord and Yale Street New Park
- Exhibit No. 2B -- Project Concept for Ord and Yale Street New Park
- Exhibit No. 3A -- Scope Summary for Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park
- Exhibit No. 3B -- Project Concept for Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND ASSUMPTION AND TRANSFER OF GRANT
FOR THE LA MIRADA NEW PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program (Proposition 84), setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) originally applied for and was awarded grant funding for the La Mirada New Park Project in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, in January 2012 the CRA/LA was dissolved pursuant to Assembly Bill 1X26; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) now desires to assume and accept the transfer of said grant for implementation of the subject project by the City's Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), thereby becoming the applicant for said grant; and

WHEREAS, the City/Department as applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project.

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

Approves the assumption, transfer and filing of an application for the La Mirada New Park project, and

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

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND ASSUMPTION AND TRANSFER OF GRANT
FOR THE ORD AND YALE STREET NEW PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program (Proposition 84), setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) originally applied for and was awarded grant funding for the Ord and Yale Street New Park Project in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, in January 2012 the CRA/LA was dissolved pursuant to Assembly Bill 1X26; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) now desires to assume and accept the transfer of said grant for implementation of the subject project by the City's Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), thereby becoming the applicant for said grant; and

WHEREAS, the City/Department as applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project.

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

Approves the assumption, transfer and filing of an application for the Ord and Yale Street New Park project, and

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

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 84 STATEWIDE PARK
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND ASSUMPTION AND TRANSFER OF GRANT
FOR THE NEVIN AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program (Proposition 84), setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

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

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) originally applied for and was awarded grant funding for the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park Project in November 2010; and

WHEREAS, in January 2012 the CRA/LA was dissolved pursuant to Assembly Bill 1X26; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) now desires to assume and accept the transfer of said grant for implementation of the subject project by the City's Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), thereby becoming the applicant for said grant; and

WHEREAS, the City/Department as applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project.

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

Approves the assumption, transfer and filing of an application for the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park project, and

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

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June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____

LA MIRADA NEW PARK

Project Scope:

- Create the new La Mirada Park in the City of Los Angeles through the development of a 0.17 acre parcel, including the construction of a new path, lawn area, gathering space, play area, native and seasonal garden, streetscape and perimeter edge, and public art.

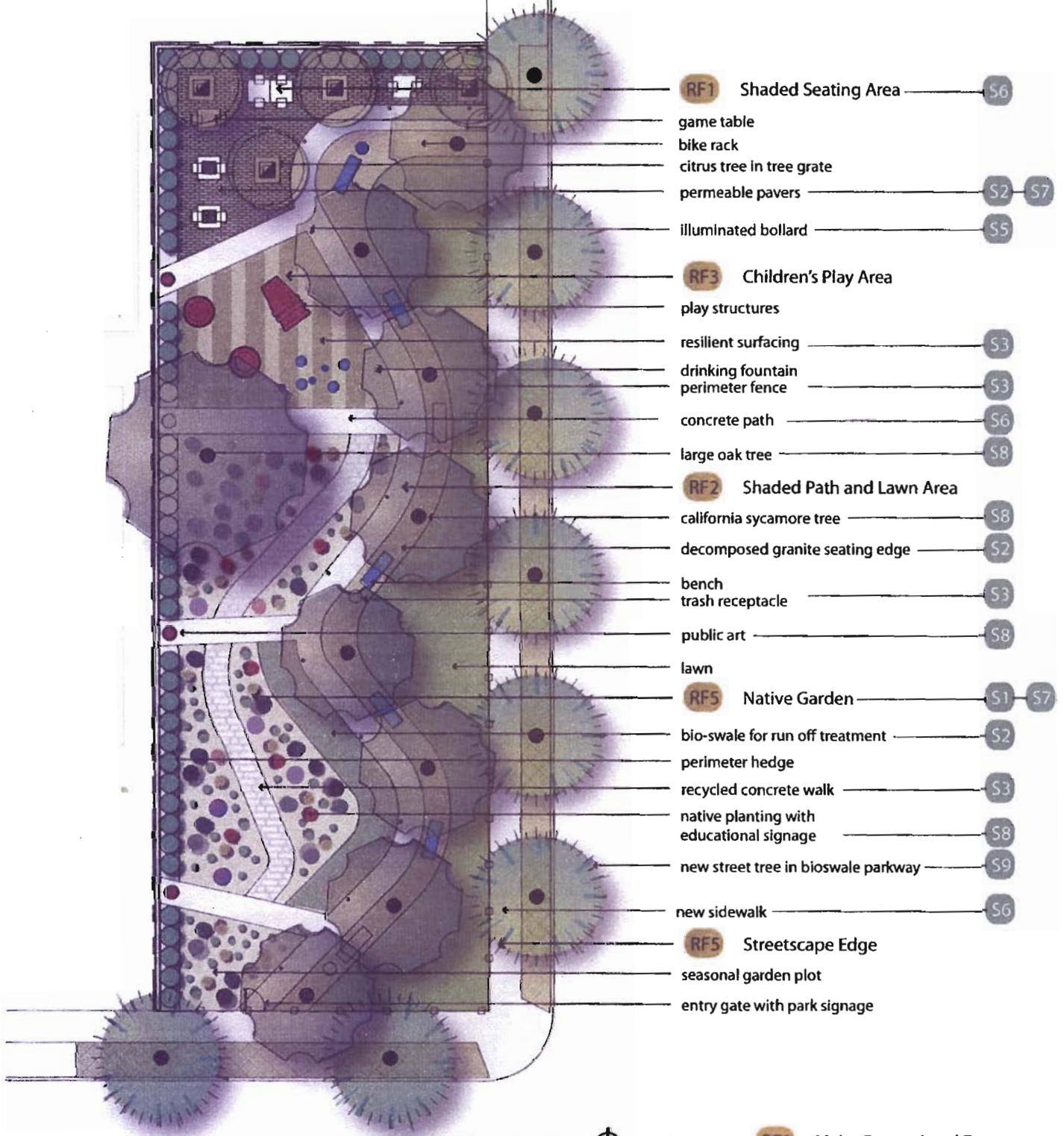
Project Address:

- 501 S. Hewitt Street
- Council District 13

Grant Request:

- \$810,300

EXHIBIT NO. 1B



- RF1 Shaded Seating Area — S6
- game table
- bike rack
- citrus tree in tree grate
- permeable pavers — S2 S7
- illuminated bollard — S5
- RF3 Children's Play Area
- play structures
- resilient surfacing — S3
- drinking fountain — S3
- perimeter fence
- concrete path — S6
- large oak tree — S8
- RF2 Shaded Path and Lawn Area
- california sycamore tree — S8
- decomposed granite seating edge — S2
- bench — S3
- trash receptacle — S3
- public art — S8
- lawn
- RF5 Native Garden — S1 S7
- bio-swale for run off treatment — S2
- perimeter hedge
- recycled concrete walk — S3
- native planting with educational signage — S8
- new street tree in bioswale parkway — S9
- new sidewalk — S6
- RF5 Streetscape Edge
- seasonal garden plot
- entry gate with park signage



- ← RF1 Major Recreational Feature
- ← support amenity
- ⊙ S7 sustainable technique

ORD AND YALE STREET PARK

Project Scope:

- Create the new Ord and Yale Street Park in the City of Los Angeles through development of a 0.58 acre parcel, including the construction of a new playground, fitness zone, plaza and performing arts space, fitness trail, upper viewing terrace, restroom, and related amenities.

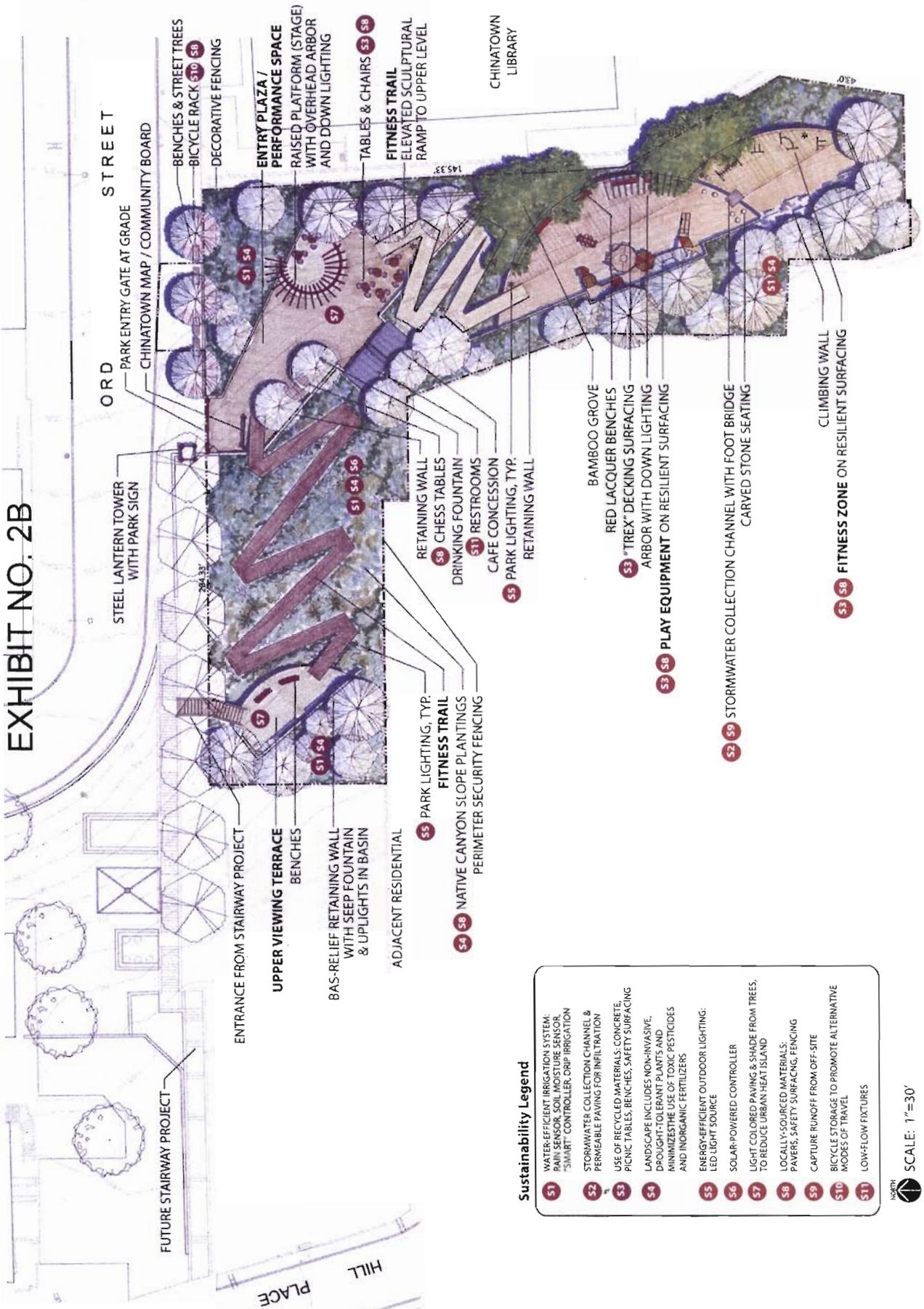
Project Address:

- Ord Street and Yale Street
- Council District 1

Grant Request:

- \$4,999,705

EXHIBIT NO. 2B



Sustainability Legend

- S1** WATER-EFFICIENT IRRIGATION SYSTEM; RAIN SENSOR, SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR, "SMART" CONTROLLER, DRIP IRRIGATION
- S2** STORMWATER COLLECTION CHANNEL & PERMEABLE PAVING FOR INFILTRATION
- S3** USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS; CONCRETE, PICNIC TABLES, BENCHES, SAFETY SURFACING
- S4** LANDSCAPE INCLUDES NON-INVASIVE, DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS AND MINIMIZE THE USE OF TOXIC PESTICIDES AND INORGANIC FERTILIZERS
- S5** ENERGY-EFFICIENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING; LED LIGHT SOURCE
- S6** SOLAR-POWERED CONTROLLER
- S7** LIGHT COLORED PAVING & SHADE FROM TREES, TO REDUCE URBAN HEAT ISLAND
- S8** LOCALLY-SOURCED MATERIALS; PAVING, SAFETY SURFACING, FENCING
- S9** CAPTURE RUNOFF FROM OFF-SITE
- S10** BICYCLE STORAGE TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRAVEL
- S11** LOW-FLOW FIXTURES



SCALE: 1"=30'

NEVIN AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK

Project Scope:

- Create the new Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park in the City of Los Angeles through the acquisition and development of 0.26 acres, including the construction of a new entry plaza and picnic area, children's playground, fitness zone, interactive plant and water demonstration garden, botanical learning garden, walking trail, "rolling" hill, and an indoor/outdoor learning/community center.

Project Address:

- 1527 & 1531 E. 32nd St.
- Council District 9

Grant Request:

- \$2,898,340

