

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Your HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**reports as follows:**

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to evaluating an amendment to the East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project or establishing a new Redevelopment Project Area (RPA) to incorporate lands along and near the Los Angeles River, including authorization to enter into contracts not to exceed a total of \$1 million for consultant services relating to such evaluation.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DIRECT the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to initiate the planning and feasibility studies necessary to prepare a preliminary plan for an amendment to the East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project or define a new RPA to incorporate land along and near the Los Angeles River, within portions of Council Districts 1, 4, and 13, in an expedited and effective manner.
2. INTERPRET certain actions related to the overall process for preparing an amendment to the existing Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project, or for a new Northeast Los Angeles River Redevelopment Plan, as ministerial actions and not "actions of the CRA," subject to Section 8.99.04 of the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code (Oversight Ordinance).
3. ADOPT the accompanying Resolution (attached to the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated August 5, 2009) which will provide for processing the proposed amendment, or preliminary redevelopment and preliminary report for the proposed North East Los Angeles River Redevelopment Plan, to City Council in such a manner that the review of the draft documents by the City Council would be subject to the "10 day rule" under the Oversight Ordinance.
4. AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer, CRA, or designee, to:
  - a. Proceed with an evaluation of an amendment to the East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project, or the establishment of a new RPA along and near the Los Angeles River, and all actions necessary to complete the plan.
  - b. Transmit to the City Planning Commission, the City Council, relevant departments of the State of California (State), affected taxing agencies, and other required parties as applicable, the following documents: a) Preliminary Plan; b) Preliminary and Final Reports to the City Council; c) State Reports; d) Proposed Redevelopment Plan amendment; and, e) any and all other required documents related to the amendment.
  - c. Negotiate and execute contracts for consulting services not to exceed \$1,000,000 relating to the formulation of an amendment to the East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project or the establishment of a new RPA along and near the Los Angeles River.
5. APPROVE the amendment of the FY09 East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Budget to transfer \$1,000,000 in Tax Increment funds from the budgeted line item "Public Improvements" to "Development Opportunities," subject to availability of funds and determination that these funds are not required to meet the Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) payment to the State.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. The source of funds is Tax Increment from the East Hollywood/Beverly-Normandie Project Area.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

In its report dated August 5, 2009, the CLA recommends that Council approve the recommendations listed above relative to evaluating an amendment to the East Hollywood/Beverly Normandie Earthquake Disaster Assistance Project or establishing a new RPA to incorporate lands along and near the Los Angeles River, including authorization to enter into contracts not to exceed a total of \$1 million for consultant services relating to such evaluation.

The CLA reports that the area proposed for study is approximately 1,400 acres and would encompass portions of several distinct communities, including North Atwater, South Atwater, Fletcher Square, Glassell Park, Cypress Park, and Elysian Park. These communities are home to varied commercial, residential, and industrial uses. It is anticipated that the topic of eminent domain will be discussed in the Preliminary Report.

The CLA further reports that the recommended actions will expedite the planning process by eliminating approximately six months from what otherwise would be an approximately two-year process. Additionally, an expedited process could reduce the costs associated with the Redevelopment Plan Amendments for the Project Area.

At its regular meeting held August 5, 2009, the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee considered this matter and recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the CLA, as submitted in its report dated August 5, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON	YES
REYES	YES
GARCETTI	YES
CÁRDENAS	ABSENT
PERRY	ABSENT

**- Not Official Until Council Acts-**