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September 17, 2010

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council file

No. 10-1273, at its meeting held September 14, 2010.


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File No. 10-1273

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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

reports as follows:

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to funding for sidewalk construction and landscaping improvements throughout the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the proposed construction of the Project Area is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. ADOPT the accompanying JOINT RESOLUTION (Attachment A of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated September 2, 2010) pursuant to Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code finding that the:
 - a. Installation of the Bunker Hill sidewalk and landscaping improvements are of benefit to the Project Area by eliminating blight.
 - b. Proposed expenditure is the only reasonably available means of financing the public improvements for Bunker Hill.
 - c. Construction of public improvements is consistent with the Five-Year Implementation Plan adopted by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners for the Project Area.
3. AUTHORIZE the CRA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to transfer Bunker Hill Tax Increment Funds in an amount not to exceed \$822,235 to the City's Department of General Services (GSD), through an existing cooperation agreement between the CRA and GSD, for sidewalk construction and landscaping improvements in the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project Area.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no fiscal impact to the City General Fund as a result of this action as the source of the funds is Bunker Hill Tax Increment Funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on September 8, 2010, the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered funding for sidewalk construction and landscaping improvements throughout the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project Area. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended Council approve the recommendations contained in the CLA report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



ADOPTED

SEP 14 2010

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FORTHWITH

MEMBER	VOICE
WESSON:	YES
REYES:	YES
ALARCON:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
PERRY:	YES

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Attachment A

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL MAKING FINDINGS AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 33445 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TAX INCREMENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BUNKER HILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan for the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) was adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on March 31, 1959, by Ordinance No. 113,231 for the purpose of eliminating blight in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan provides that among its objectives are the following: "removal of unsightly conditions having a depressing effect on property values in the heart of the City," "provision of facilities in large demand for modern, convenient, and efficient living accommodations for downtown employees," "correction of street inadequacies," and "provision of commercial facilities of a high-type of institutional, professional and business use"; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.n.1 of the Redevelopment Plan authorizes the Agency to design and construct public works including public right of way improvements in order to implement and facilitate the effectuation of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 33490, the CRA/LA Board of Commissioners adopted a Five Year Implementation Plan for the Project Area on December 17, 2009 (Implementation Plan); and

WHEREAS, Section III.E.5 of the Implementation Plan provides that the CRA/LA will install Project-Wide Public Improvements, specifically including repair of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and tree wells; and

WHEREAS, CRA/LA wishes to improve the Project Area by paying for the installation of sidewalk, alley, and landscaping improvements, which will be publicly owned at several locations within the Project Area, including Grand Avenue, Olive, First, Fourth and Figueroa Streets (the Public Improvements); and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Public Improvements will help to eliminate conditions of blight in the Project Area by replacing deteriorated public infrastructure and enhancing the viability of the residential and commercial uses in the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for construction of the Public Improvements will be \$708,785; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is unable to finance the cost of the Public Improvements because the City faces an approximate \$529 million General Fund deficit for the 2009-10 fiscal year and the City Council has determined that a fiscal emergency exists in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, CRA/LA staff have used reasonable efforts to identify other means to finance the Public Improvements but have not been able to identify other public or private funding sources available to pay for the Public Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes a redevelopment agency, with the consent of the legislative body, to pay all or a part of the cost of the installation and construction of any building, facility, structure, or other improvements that are publicly owned and are located inside or contiguous to the project area, if the legislative body determines all of the following: 1) that the improvements that are publicly owned are of benefit to the Project Area by helping to eliminate blight within the Project Area; 2) that no other reasonable means of financing the publicly owned improvements are available to the community; and 3) that the payment of funds for the publicly owned improvements is consistent with the Implementation Plan adopted pursuant to Section 33490; and

WHEREAS, the CRA/LA Board of Commissioners and the City Council of the City of Los Angeles have reviewed and considered the facts, information and testimony presented to them with respect to the Public Improvements, including but not limited to the Board Memorandum dated July 15, 2010, which is incorporated herein by this reference, and do hereby base their consent and findings upon these facts.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO HEREBY FIND AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The installation of the Bunker Hill Sidewalk and Landscaping Improvements are of benefit to the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project Area by helping to eliminate blight within the Project Area.
2. No other reasonable means of financing the acquisition of the land or installation or construction of the Public Improvements are available to the community.
3. The payment of funds for the acquisition of land or the cost of the Public Improvements is consistent with the Bunker Hill Implementation Plan.

ADOPTED BY THE CRA/LA: _____

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AT ITS MEETING OF SEP 14 2010
BY A MAJORITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.



JUNE LAGHAY
CITY CLERK

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