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File No. 14-1174-S66

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) for the Union Avenue Garden Site Remediation Project (Project) within the Pico Union 1 Redevelopment Project Area.

Recommendations for Council action, **SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

1. **FIND** that the action of appropriating and withholding expenditure of funds for the Project, pending the completion, review and consideration of planning and environmental documents related to the Project, is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) because it merely creates a funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity that does not commit the City to a project that may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and that preparing preliminary planning and environmental documents is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it is an administrative activity that will not result in physical changes in the environment.
2. **APPROVE** up to \$408,085 plus earned interest in taxable CRA/LA EBP available to Council District One from the Pico Union 1 Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized for the Project.
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to be the implementing department for activities related to the Project.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the BOS to effectuate the Project including, but not limited to, the initiation of a Task Order Solicitation (TOS) from its list of Pre-Qualified On Call Consultants, and select the necessary consultant to develop a plan to assess and implement the Project including, but not limited to, environmental assignments as needed to undertake all Project related activities.
5. **AUTHORIZE** the BOS to negotiate, prepare, and execute a TOS and all related documents between the BOS and Consultant for the Project no later than September 30, 2019.
6. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered contract, to expend up to \$408,085 plus Interest from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account No. 22L9NT, Pico Union 1 Taxable Series 2003-C, for activities related to the Project upon presentation of proper documentation by BOS, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement.
7. **AUTHORIZE** the BOS to perform limited preliminary planning as may be necessary to conduct the environmental review for the Project from the above-noted funds appropriated to the Project.
8. **INSTRUCT** the BOS to withhold expending, or committing to expend, any of the remainder of the above-noted funds appropriated to the Project until all of the following have occurred:

- a. The BOS has completed the preliminary planning documents and environmental review documents.
 - b. The City has complied with the requirements of the CEQA with respect to the Project, including obtaining any necessary CEQA clearances.
 - c. The Board of Public Works has considered and approved the Project for expenditure of the remaining funds.
9. INSTRUCT the BOS to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) related to the Project to the EWDD.
 10. INSTRUCT the BOS to expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024.
 11. INSTRUCT the BOS to report on its work accomplishments to the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis.
 12. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee reports that there is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D is funded solely from two transfers of approximately \$86 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City. Said transfers have been deposited with the Controller.

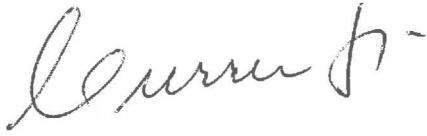
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 11, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Union Avenue Garden Site Remediation Project within the Pico Union 1 Redevelopment Project Area. The EWDD reports that the initial Motion requested that all remaining taxable EBP including any Interest available to CD 1 from the Project Area be allocated to BOS to perform public improvements needed for the Union Avenue Community Garden. Public Improvements, including investing in community facilities that will further the development of commercial areas, was identified as a potential project in the Bond Spending Plan (BSP) for this Project Area. The proposed use of funds is permissible under the BSP adopted by City Council on October 29, 2014 (Council file No. 14-1174), and sufficient funds for this purpose are available from CD 1's portion of EBP in the Project Area. The original EBP in the Project Area available to CD 1 was \$485,816. After deducting the 16% (\$77,731) administrative appropriation, there remained \$408,085 available to CD 1. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee's recommendations, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PRICE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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