

MOTION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community beautification and graffiti abatement are important programs in the City of Los Angeles, as evidenced by Council support for public murals and paintings, the Graffiti Apprehension Reward program, and numerous other related projects and programs to beautify our communities. Graffiti abatement improvements, including the removal of existing graffiti, and beautification projects, including repairing sidewalks, landscaping, and public art, have been identified within areas of the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area in Council District 1. However, funding is needed to implement some of these improvements.

Funds are available to Council District 1 through taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area that can help fund the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project. In accordance with policies adopted by Council (C.F. 14-1174) related to the CRA/LA Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan, any proposal to expend CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds shall be initiated by Council Motion. Proposals will be reviewed by the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee, Economic Development Committee, and any other applicable committee with final recommendations presented to the Council and Mayor for final consideration and approval. The use of taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds towards graffiti abatement and 7th Street public improvements in the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area is identified as eligible expenses in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Board of Public Works through the Office of Community Beautification, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 for graffiti abatement and 7th Street public improvements as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Office of Community Beautification to fund the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project upon City Council approval of the forthcoming Economic and Workforce Development Department report.

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