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File No. 14-1174-S71

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to utilizing Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) for the Westlake Graffiti Abatement Project (Project) within the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area.

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

1. **DETERMINE** that this action related to funding and approving the Project, consisting of graffiti abatement, sidewalk repairs and landscape improvements along 7th Street, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(a) and (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 1 and 4 of the City CEQA Guidelines.
2. **APPROVE** up to \$300,000 in taxable CRA/LA EBP available to Council District One from the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized for the Project.
3. **AUTHORIZE** the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) to be the implementing department for activities related to the Project.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the OCB to:
 - a. Take the necessary actions to effectuate the Project, and select from its list of approved contractors a contractor (Contractor) to perform activities related to the Project.
 - b. Negotiate and execute any contracts and related documents necessary (Contract) to implement the Project with Contractor, subject and pursuant to the approval of the Board of Public Works (BPW) to effectuate project and prevailing wage requirements.
5. **DIRECT** the OCB to:
 - a. Transmit copies of all executed Contract(s) for the Project to the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD).
 - b. Expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024.
 - c. Report on its work accomplishments to the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to the EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis.
6. **DIRECT** the Bureau of Engineering to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption on behalf of the OCB with the City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council approval.
7. **AUTHORIZE** the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered Contract, to expend up to \$300,000 from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account No. 22L9ST Westlake Taxable Series 2006-A for activities related to the Project, upon presentation of proper documentation by the OCB, and satisfactory review and approval of

the EWDD, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement.

8. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to:

- a. Make any corrections or clarifications to this report as necessary, in order to effectuate the intent of this action.
- b. 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 CAO reports that there is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation. The CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D is funded solely from transfers totaling approximately \$88.4 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 October 22, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Project within the Westlake Redevelopment Project Area. The EWDD reports that \$300,000 in taxable EBP is requested to be allocated to the OCB to perform graffiti abatement improvements including the removal of existing graffiti, and beautification projects to include sidewalk repairs, landscaping and public art. Graffiti removal near MacArthur Park/Alvarado was identified as a potential project in Project Area's Bond Spending Plan that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (Council file No. 14-1174). 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



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

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