MOTION

The City of Los Angeles has long been devoted to furthering the public's access to open space, including the dedication of 16,000 acres of parkland within the City's boundaries. Improving this parkland for public use has also been a historic priority for Los Angeles, which maintains and operates 422 playgrounds, 184 recreation centers, 30 senior centers and more.

MacArthur Park, located at 2230 W. 6th Street and within the Promise Zone and Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area, has been identified as in need of enhancements to further improve the public open space experience in the City. Various necessary enhancements have been identified which include, but are not limited to, the renovation of a band shell with paint; renovation of bathrooms; installation of frontage with flooring, a synthetic surface, signage, and a new playground area; and drainage enhancements.

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 MacArthur Park Improvements 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 an open space project within the Promise Zone and 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, Department of Recreation and Parks, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate all remaining taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1, including any earned interest, for an open space project within the Promise Zone as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that all remaining taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 1 from the Westlake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area, including any earned interest, be utilized by the Department of Recreation and Parks to fund the MacArthur Park Improvements Project upon City Council approval of the forthcoming Economic and Workforce Development Department report.

PRESENTED BY

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