

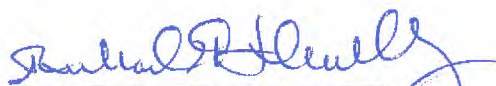
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**TRANSMITTAL**

TO Council	DATE 09-04-19	COUNCIL FILE NO. 14-1174-S26
FROM CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee	COUNCIL DISTRICT 3	

At its regular meeting on August 29, 2019, the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee approved recommendations in the attached Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report and instructed staff to transmit to Council for consideration. Council approval of the report recommendations would authorize the appropriation of up to \$800,000 in CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds from the Reseda-Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area (Taxable Series 2010-D) for the Graffiti Abatement Project.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation. The CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bonds Proceeds Fund No. 57D is funded solely from two transfers totaling approximately \$86 million in pre-2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City. (C.F. 14-1174) Said transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.



Richard H. Lewellyn, Jr.  
City Administrative Officer  
Chair, CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee

# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

JOHN L. REAMER, JR.  
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER



ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

**ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

1200 W. 7TH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

August 29, 2019

Council File:14-1174-S26  
Council District No.: 3  
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CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee  
c/o Jacqueline Wagner  
Office of the City Administrative Officer  
Room 1500, City Hall East

**BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TRANSMITTAL: REQUEST REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION THAT COUNCIL AND MAYOR, AS REQUIRED, APPROPRIATE UP TO \$800,000 IN CRA/LA EXCESS NON-HOUSING BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE RESEDA/CANOGA PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TAXABLE SERIES 2010-D) FOR THE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROJECT**

The Interim General Manager of the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) requests your review, approval and processing of the recommendations in this transmittal to the Mayor and City Council for their review and consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Interim General Manager of EWDD, or designee, requests that the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) recommend that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor as required:

1. FIND that the Graffiti Abatement Project (Project), consisting of graffiti abatement services and improvements including, but not limited to, graffiti abatement, tree planting and clean up services, is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1(d) and Section 15304, Class 4(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Project is also exempt under the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 4 and Class 4, Category 3;

2. APPROVE up to \$800,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP) available to Council District (CD) 3 from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) to be utilized for Project;
3. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works (BPW), Office of Community Beautification (OCB) to be the implementing department for activities related to Project;
4. INSTRUCT BPW-OCB to approve, negotiate and execute or amend contracting documents as required with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. (Contractor), Contract No. C-124637 (Contract) to effectuate Project no later than November 30, 2019;
5. DIRECT BPW-OCB to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) under Project to EWDD;
6. DIRECT BPW-OCB to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon City Council adoption;
7. INSTRUCT BPW-OCB to expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024;
8. DIRECT OCB to report on its work accomplishments to the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis;
9. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the availability of funds and a duly executed and encumbered Contract, to expend up to \$800,000 from the EBP Fund No. 57D, Account 22L9PT, Reseda/Canoga Park Taxable Series 2010-D for activities related to Project upon presentation of proper documentation by BPW-OCB, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement (BEA); and
10. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager of 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.

## **SUMMARY**

Transmitted herewith for your review, approval, and further processing are recommendations pursuant to a CD 3 Motion (Blumenfield–Bonin) which was adopted by Council on June 12, 2019 (C.F. 14-1174-S26). This Motion, combined with an initial \$400,000 taxable EBP allocation adopted by Council on June 30, 2017 (C.F. 14-1174-S26) under Contract for Project, will bring the total taxable EBP allocation for Project and increase Contract value to \$1,200,000.

This transmittal recommends that up to \$800,000 in taxable EBP from Project Area within CD 3 be allocated to BPW-OCB to contract with Contractor to provide services including, but not limited to, graffiti abatement, tree planting and clean up services within Project Area. Graffiti abatement was identified as a potential project in the Project Area's Bond Spending Plan (BSP) that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (C.F. 14-1174). Sufficient funds for this purpose are available from CD 3's portion of EBP in this Project Area.

The original taxable and tax-exempt EBP in Project Area available to CD 3 was \$20,984,713. After the \$1,977,634 (16%) taxable EBP for bond administration, there remained a combined \$19,007,079 in Project Area available to CD 3. CD 3 also traded their AB 1290 funds for CD 12's EBP in Project Area. CD 3 gained an additional \$2,098,471 EBP (\$862,450 tax-exempt and \$1,236,021 taxable) before the 16%, or \$197,763, taxable administrative allocation. CD 3 now controls 99% of Project Area with a net EBP of \$20,907,787. This Project's \$800,000 request, along with 13 other pending and BOC/Council approved motions, will leave CD 3 with no taxable and no tax-exempt EBP in Project Area.

### **EWDD ANALYSIS**

The Project has been ongoing since the initial Council approval in June 2017. It is expected to continue upon BPW-OCB's amendment of the expired Contract C-124637. Work is expected to occur over the next three (3) years. The anticipated scope of work includes:

1. Removal of any visible graffiti in the public right of way using paint and/or pressure washing,
2. Graffiti abatement through the following measures which will further render area less prone to graffiti:
  - (a) Cleaning up visible litter, weeds and bulk item pickup in the public right of way to eliminate the perception that area is neglected and untended, thus attracting graffiti,
  - (b) Planting trees on the public right of way. Strategically placed trees covering up or being adjacent to walls can minimize their appeal for graffiti. Adding trees to forlorn areas also mitigates the perception that a place is neglected and appealing to graffiti,
3. Monthly updates documenting the quantity of work performed to include specific deliverables i.e. square footage of graffiti removed and/or pounds of trash removed in the designated Project Area.

The total Project cost estimate is \$800,000 which will be 100% funded by taxable EBP as follows:

Salaries and Benefits	\$583,200
Transportation Cost	\$ 63,555
Other Costs	\$ 30,064
Indirect Costs	<u>\$123,181</u>
Total Taxable EBP Cost Estimate	\$800,000



Contract amendment must be executed and encumbered no later than November 30, 2019 with EBP appropriation fully expended no later than September 30, 2024. Deliverables and/or activity reports showing percentages of completion must accompany BPW-OCB's original signed off invoices which shall be submitted to EWDD. Disbursements will be authorized pursuant to receipt and satisfactory review by EWDD to ensure compliance with bond covenants and BEA, and that the approved spending categories adhere to those outlined in this transmittal.

BPW-OCB will report on its work accomplishments to CAO, and fund expenditures to EWDD, on a quarterly and as-needed basis for their respective reports to the BOC, Mayor, and CRA/LA.

### **BENEFITS TO THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES**

The Project provides at-risk youths and young adults with opportunities for success through paid employment and meaningful engagement. The emphasis on conservation and service benefit the community by removing graffiti on public improvements as well as assisting owners and tenants of private properties with graffiti abatement. Through this program, middle school and high school youths will gain environmental work experience by planting trees or removing overgrown vegetation within alleyways to maintain and beautify communities.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department and BPW-OCB provided the environmental analysis below:

The Project, consisting of graffiti abatement services and improvements including, but not limited to, graffiti abatement, tree planting and clean up services, is categorically exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1(d) and Section 15304, Class 4(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Project is also exempt under the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 4 and Class 4, Category 3.

A Notice of Exemption (Attachment 3) will be filed by BPW-OCB with the City Clerk and the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council adoption of Project.

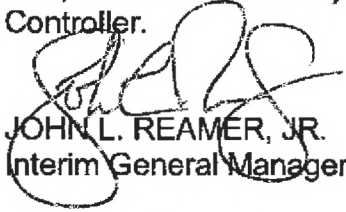
### **CAO COVENANT REVIEW**

The CAO has completed its review of the original bond documents and covenants, and has found that the proposed use of taxable EBP, as presented, is consistent with those covenants.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed allocation of EBP. The EBP Fund No. 57D is funded solely from transfers of approximately \$88.4 million in pre-

2011 tax allocation bond proceeds from CRA/LA to the City (C.F. 14-1174, 14-1174-S36, and 14-1174-S78). Said transfers have been deposited with the Office of the Controller.



JOHN L. REAMER, JR.  
Interim General Manager

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- ATTACHMENT 1: Original Motion (Blumenfield–Englander) C. F. 14-1174-S26  
2: Amending Motion (Blumenfield–Bonin) C. F. 14-1174-S26  
3: CEQA Notice of Exemption (To be filed by BPW-OCB)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOTION

The communities of Reseda and Canoga Park contain historic central business districts that have, over the years, seen significant disinvestment. Through an exhaustive community-based process, a vision has been identified for the revitalization of the communities in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area. Councilmember Bob Blumenfield has transformed this vision into the multi-front West Valley Improvement Plan initiative. This initiative is a ten-point plan of improvements and amenities throughout the area's commercial corridors; a reinvestment in these historic communities to help them attain their former glory as destinations for commerce, art, and culture.


Graffiti abatement programs such as the one provided by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, whose mission is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects, benefit the community. Part of their service includes removing graffiti on public improvements and in some cases assisting owners and tenants of private property with the abatement of graffiti. These programs also provide middle school and high school youth the opportunity to gain environmental work experience by planting trees to beautify communities. In some cases, they also work to maintain alleyways by removing overgrown vegetation within these alleys. These programs have been mainly focused in other areas of the City including South and Central Los Angeles and there is a need to establish a similar program in the San Fernando Valley.

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 the graffiti abatement portion of programs that hire local youths for this service, tree watering, and other roles is identified as an eligible expense in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

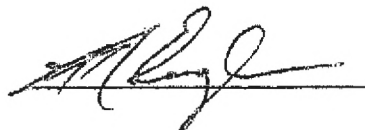
I THEREFORE MOVE that tax-exempt CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 3 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Board of Public Works through their Office of Community Beautification to fund the services of the San Fernando Valley Conservation Corps, once created, to provide graffiti abatement, tree planting and clean up services of overgrown vegetation within the boundaries of the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

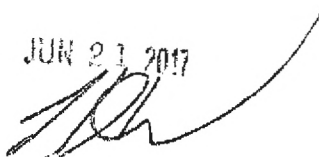
I FURTHER MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Board of Public Works through the Office of Community Beautification, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate taxable Excess Bond Proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to fund the San Fernando Valley Conservation Corps, once created, to provide clean up services within the boundaries of the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area and as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

PRESENTED BY

  
Bob Blumenfield  
Councilmember, 3rd District

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
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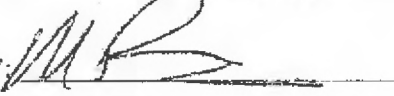
On April 24, 2018, Council approved an appropriation of \$400,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District Three from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area to be used by the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification (BPW-OCB), for a Graffiti Abatement Project (C.F. 14-1174-S26). Council's actions authorized the BPW-OCB to contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) to provide graffiti abatement, weed and litter abatement, and tree planting in the public right-of-ways for a period of one year. Funding is needed to facilitate continued services past year one of the current contract.

Funds are available to Council District 3 through taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area that can assist in funding years two, three, and four of the services currently being provided by LACC. 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 for a graffiti abatement project in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area is an eligible expense identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan.

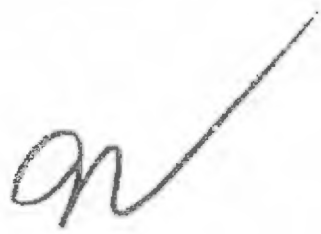
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, and any other applicable City department, provide a report with recommendations to the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee to allocate \$800,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area for continued implementation of a graffiti abatement project as identified in the Bond Expenditure Agreement and Bond Spending Plan for the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$800,000 in taxable CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds available to Council District 3 from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area be utilized by the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, to supplement the existing contract with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for three additional years of graffiti abatement, weed and litter abatement, and tree planting services subject to Council's approval of the forthcoming EWDD report.

PRESENTED BY:   
BOB BLUMENFELD  
Councilmember, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
ROOM 395, CITY HALL  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**  
(Articles II and III – City CEQA Guidelines)

Submission of this form is optional. The form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California, 90660, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles c/o Bureau of Engineering 1149 S. Broadway, MS 939 Los Angeles, CA 90015	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT</b> 3
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> S26 Graffiti Abatement	<b>LOG REFERENCE</b> C.F. 14-1174-S26

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Within the Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) boundaries (see Figure 1: Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park CRA Boundaries).

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** The City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification (BPW-OCB), in partnership with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), is proposing a project to remove graffiti from the public right-of-way. The LACC will provide litter, bulky item, and weed abatement and plant trees in the public-right-of-way. The project is intended to solve the need for litter abatement services within the Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park Community CRA boundaries. This will serve the needs of the community, enhance commercial environment, and maximize the opportunities for LACC and residents (see attached narrative).

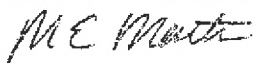
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b> Lauren Rhodes	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b> 213-485-5733
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<b>EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)</b>	<b>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</b>	<b>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Art. II, Sec. 2. b	Sec. 15268
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	Art III, Sec. 1 Class 4 (3)	Sec. 15304 (b)
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY*	Art. _____	Sec. _____

\* See Public Resources Code Sec. 21080 and set forth state and city guidelines provisions.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:** The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1(d) and Section 15304, Class 4 (b). The project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1, Category 4 and Class 4, Category 3. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply (see attached narrative).

**IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING**

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>  Maria Martin	<b>TITLE:</b> Environmental Affairs Officer Environmental Management Group	<b>DATE:</b> 7/24/19
<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D BY</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE****I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

The scope of work includes removing visible graffiti, providing weed and litter abatement on public properties, and planting trees within existing street tree wells and parkways in the public right-of-way at multiple sites within the Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park CRA boundaries (the project area). The sites are selected by the Council District in response to community business owners and citizens' requests for the abatement. The work will be completed by the LACC crews (approximately 4-5 crewmembers per site) using pressure washers and paint for graffiti abatement and manual (typically no power tools) labor for the street tree planting. LACC works with the City to provide street tree planting, pruning, watering and other maintenance, as applicable. If tree planting takes place in a parkway in front of a home, LACC asks if the homeowner(s) can provide watering and care for the trees' establishment. If not, LACC will not plant there. Street tree planting is the result of extensive canvassing for available planting areas. In addition, LACC has completed the permitting process with the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division (UFD). Before planting, the UFD selects the tree species and DigAlert surveys for utilities. The goal of the project is for graffiti abatement and street tree planting to solve the need for litter abatement services and to remove the perception that the affected public right-of-way is neglected and, thus, ripe for graffiti. Lastly, the project provides at-risk youths and young adults with opportunities for success through paid employment and meaningful engagement.

**II. PROJECT HISTORY**

The graffiti abatement project is a three-year continuation of the current CRA Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park community enhancement efforts in addition to continuation of the work for fiscal year 2018-2019. The funding is from the CRA/LA Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds (EBP).

**III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW****Basis for Categorical Exemption**

The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 (d) *Existing Facilities* for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standard of public health and safety because the project consists of litter and graffiti abatement. Also, the project is exempt pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304, Class 4 (b) *Minor Alterations to Land* for new gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping because the project consists of street tree planting.

Additionally, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to City CEQA Guidelines Article III, Section 1, Class 1 (4) *Existing Facilities* for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety because the project consists of litter and graffiti abatement. Also, the project is exempt pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 4 (3) *Minor Alterations to Land* for new gardening, tree planting, or landscaping, but not including tree removal except dead, damaged, or diseased tree limbs because the project consists of street tree planting in the public right-of-way.

**Consideration of Potential Exceptions to use of a Categorical Exemption**

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions in the following circumstances:

1. **Location.** Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern



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where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The project will occur on streets, sidewalks, parkways, and walls within the public right-of-way, in the Reseda/Winnetka/Canoga Park CRA boundaries. Based on the Community Plans and NavigateLA, the project site is not located in a particularly sensitive environment or on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state or local agencies may be impacted. As such, the project will not impact sensitive environments or locations and this exception does not apply.

**2. Cumulative Impact.** This exception applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project is not anticipated to result in significant cumulative impacts. As a graffiti and litter abatement project, it is anticipated that projects such as this will occur in the future because it is a necessary and recurring project type to maintain community health and safety as well as community beauty. However, there are currently no known successive projects of the same type planned for this area. While other projects of the same type are occurring elsewhere in the City, they have been determined to be happening in different neighborhoods and at different times. Given the nature of the project, minor improvements conducted mainly by hand, is not anticipated to result in cumulative impacts when included with successive projects in the same place and over time.

For the reasons stated above, this project is not expected to result in a cumulative impact when combined with successive projects of the same type in the same place and over time.

**3. Significant Effect.** This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

### Aesthetics

The project will result in visual improvements in the community by removing graffiti and providing other graffiti abatement activities such as removing illegally dumped debris on sidewalks and curbsides and planting street trees. These activities have positive benefits for community beautification, commercial environment enhancement, and pollution reduction. Graffiti abatement work will take place on surfaces within the public right-of-way which may improve the appearance of the area. LACC typically uses paint that closely matches the wall or surface. Removal of litter is a necessary task to keep pollution out of streets and storm drains and may also improve the appearance of an area. Additionally, strategically placing street trees may result in a visual improvement. Graffiti abatement projects are common projects that occur throughout the City and involve minor work to enhance and beautify the community and improve public health and safety. As such, there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances related to aesthetics.

### Hazardous Materials and Waste

The project is anticipated to use exterior paint to cover the graffiti. Based on the type and brand of paint used, any applicable Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) and/or hazardous material label would be used in the handling, storage and disposal of the paint. It is not uncommon for paint to be used in graffiti abatement projects. As such, there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances related to hazardous materials.

The project will plant trees in the public right-of-way within existing tree wells and parkways. The excavation required for planting will be shallow and minimal (approximately 18-24 inches in depth). According to State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Geotracker



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at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>), there are no existing listed hazardous waste sites under Government Code Section 65962.5 within the public right of way of this CRA. Tree planting along City streets is not uncommon, as many tree planting projects take place throughout the City. As such, there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances related to hazardous materials.

**4. Scenic Highway.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The locations of excavation were referenced against the database of state scenic highways at ([http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16\\_livability/scenic\\_highways](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16_livability/scenic_highways)) and no state scenic highway is located within the project area the immediate vicinity of the project area.

Since the project is not within a state designated scenic highway or within sight of any state designated scenic highway, this exception has no application.

**5. Hazardous Waste Site.** This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5

As state above, the project will plant trees in the public right-of-way within existing tree wells and parkways. The excavation required for planting will be shallow and minimal (approximately 18-24 inches in depth). According to State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Geotracker at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>), there are no existing listed hazardous waste sites under Government Code Section 65962.5 within the public right of way of this CRA.

Since the project sites are not listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5, this exception does not apply.

**6. Historical Resources.** This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project will occur within the public right-of-way in existing tree wells and parkways that have been previously disturbed by tree planting. Given the nature of the project and the shallow depth of tree planting, exceeding the depth of the previously disturbed soil is not anticipated. As such, encountering historic resources or causing a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource are not anticipated.

Although not anticipated, the discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground disturbances. However, the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to PRC Section 5097.98. The Los Angeles County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The MLD shall complete the inspection of the site within 48 hours of notification and may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

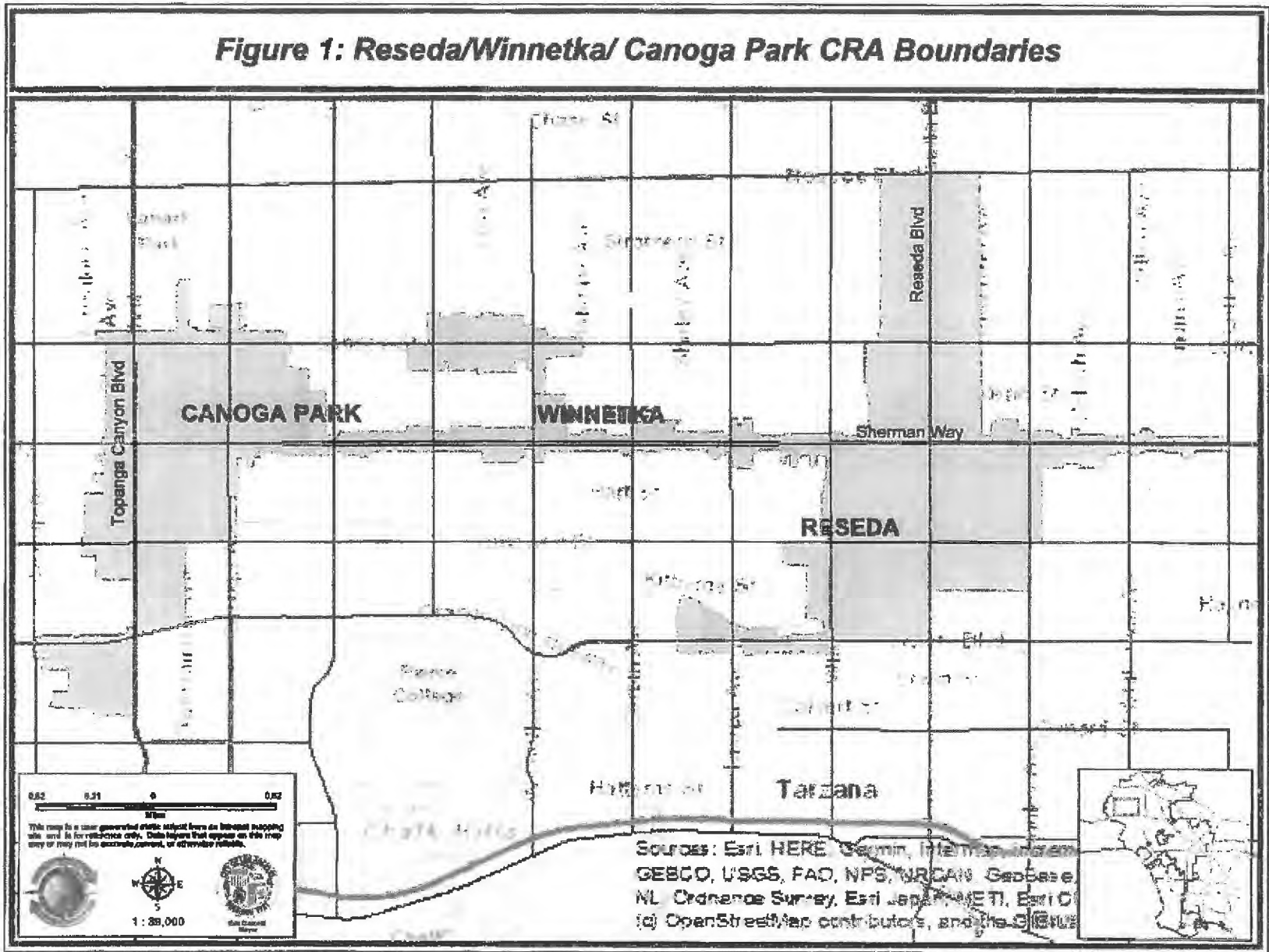
As indicated above, the project is not anticipated to result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, no substantial adverse impact to cultural resources is anticipated, and as such this exception does not apply.

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**Figure 1: Reseda/Winnetka/ Canoga Park CRA Boundaries**



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