

MOTION

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) is the nation's largest urban conservation corps. LACC equips young people with life skills and work experience by employing them in a variety of conservation projects. They provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education, and work experience. Some of the projects that the youth are involved in include building parks, planting trees, building community gardens, and graffiti abatement.

LACC has provided these types of services in other areas of the City including South and Central Los Angeles and there is a need to establish similar programs in the West San Fernando Valley. LACC has locations throughout the City, but they are not currently located in the West San Fernando Valley. There is currently space available within the West Valley Municipal Building located at 19040 Vanowen Street in Reseda that would provide LACC with an opportunity to expand their service area.

In the 2009-10 Legislative Session, then-Assemblymember Blumenfield introduced AB 616 to create a San Fernando Valley Conservation Corps which would require the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy to use federal money it receives from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide grants to certified local conservation corps for programs that would expand and enhance opportunities for at-risk young adults and school age youth, as specified.

On July 3, 2017, Council approved Councilmember Blumenfield's Motion that requested the use of \$400,000 in CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds to fund the services of the "San Fernando Valley Conservation Corps" (SFVCC), once it is created. The SFVCC is anticipated to provide tree planting, clean up services of overgrown vegetation as well as other conservation services and provide graffiti abatement in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area. Authorizing a lease with LACC to occupy space at the West Valley Municipal Building is consistent with the goal of providing more conservation services in the San Fernando Valley.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services, with assistance of the City Attorney, to negotiate and execute a lease or license agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for use of a portion of the City-owned facility located at 19040 Vanowen Street, Reseda, 91335, contingent upon the CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee's approval of the use of the CRA/LA Excess Bond Proceeds for graffiti abatement, tree planting, and other conservation efforts in the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area.

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