

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: February 22, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and
Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso *HEL for*
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Council File No: 18-0002-S18
Assignment No. 18-02-0139

SUBJECT: Resolution (Price – O’Farrell) to SUPPORT extending the Proposition 84 grant
performance period for Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park.

CLA RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution (Price – O’Farrell) to include in the City’s 2017-2018 State Legislative
Program, SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for the Nevin
Avenue Elementary School Park (Project No. SW-19-003).

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Price – O’Farrell), introduced February 14, 2018, states that Proposition 84
funded the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization program for the creation
of new park and recreation facilities in the most underserved communities. The Department of
Recreation and Parks (RAP) was awarded a competitive grant for the Nevin Avenue Elementary
School Park Project in Council District 9. The scope of the project includes the acquisition and
development of .26 acre site and construction of a new entry plaza and picnic area, children’s
playground, fitness zone with interactive plant and water demonstrations, as well as the inclusion
of a botanical learning garden with trails and an indoor/outdoor learning center. The Resolution
also states that the delays are due to complications with acquiring the project site. The park will
not be completed by the current grant deadline. The City requests the grant performance period
be extended from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND

The Nevin Avenue Elementary School project faced a number of development challenges.
According to RAP, the site was previously owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency
and was transferred to the City of Los Angeles over a two-year period. The project site required
resolving the seller’s property tax lien, and the State Department of Toxic Substances Control
liens that required judicial adjudication. The Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) was revised,
finalized and approved by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners in August 2016.

RAP estimates that the development portion of the project will take approximately one year to design and eighteen months to construct. However, to maintain progress in the project development timetable, RAP will proceed with the design phase concurrently with the remediation phase. The estimated project completion date is December 2019 and is anticipated to open to the public in March 2020. The Project Grant amount is \$2,898,340. The extension of the grant performance period from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020 will permit the City to complete the project and comply with all of the Proposition 84 grant closeout requirements.



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Attachment: Resolution
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, California voters approved the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, (Proposition 84) which authorized general obligation bonds for statewide grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 84 funded the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization program for the creation of new park and recreation facilities in the most critically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was awarded competitive grant from Proposition 84 for the development of the Nevin Avenue Elementary School Park Project (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-003), for which the project scope includes the acquisition and development of .26 acres and construction of a new entry plaza and picnic area, children's playground, fitness zone with interactive plant and water demonstrations, and the inclusion of a botanical learning garden with walking trails, rolling hill plus an indoor/outdoor learning and community center;; and

WHEREAS, the delays in proceeding to developing the project are due to complications with acquiring the project site, and the park will not be completed by the current grant deadline and; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles requests a grant performance extension for the Nevin Avenue Elementary Park (CD 9) from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this new timeframe will allow the City to implement several actions on the project to move it forward to completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislation Program SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for Nevin Avenue Elementary Park (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-003) from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

PRESENTED BY: 

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9TH District

SECONDED BY: 

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