

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

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

1. FIND that 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 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 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 EBP available to Council District Three from the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area to be utilized for the Project.
3. AUTHORIZE the Office of Community Beautification (OCB) to be the implementing department for activities relating to the Project.
4. INSTRUCT the OCB to approve, negotiate and execute or amend contracting documents as required with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Contract No. C-124637 to effectuate the Project no later than November 30, 2019.
5. INSTRUCT the OCB to transmit copies of all executed contract(s) under the Project to Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD).
6. INSTRUCT the OCB to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with the City Clerk and Los Angeles County Clerk upon Council adoption.
7. INSTRUCT the OCB to expend the EBP appropriation no later than September 30, 2024.
8. INSTRUCT the OCB to report on its work accomplishments to 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 No. 22L9PT, Reseda/Canoga Park Taxable Series 2010-D, for activities related to the Project upon presentation of proper documentation by the OCB, and satisfactory review and approval of EWDD in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Expenditure Agreement.
10. AUTHORIZE the Interim General Manager, 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee reports that there is no impact on the City's General Fund from the proposed appropriation of CRA/LA EBP. The CRA/LA EBP 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. Said transfers have been deposited with the Controller.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 10, 2019, your Economic Development Committee considered a CRA/LA Bond Oversight Committee report relative to utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Project within the Reseda/Canoga Park Redevelopment Project Area. The EWDD reports that, up to \$800,000 in taxable EBP is recommended to be allocated to the OCB 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 that was adopted by Council on June 24, 2015 (Council file No. 14-1174). Sufficient funds for this purpose are available from Council District 3's portion of EBP in this Project Area. 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

ME 9/10/19

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