

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: February 15, 2018

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

FROM: Sharon M. Tso *HEK for*
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Council File No: 18-0002-S5
Assignment No. 18-02-0117

SUBJECT: Resolution (Price – Ryu) to SUPPORT extending the Proposition 84 grant
performance period for Slauson-Wall Park.

CLA RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution (Price – Ryu) to include in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for extending the Proposition 84 grant performance period for the Slauson-Wall Park (Project No. SW-19-001).

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Price – Ryu), introduced January 19, 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 Slauson-Wall Park Project in Council District 9. The scope of the project includes the acquisition and development of a former four-acre industrial site, construction of a new plaza/promenade, multi-use sports fields, children's playground, basketball courts, community garden, and picnic area. The Resolution also states that the delays are due to challenges in transferring the project site to the City of Los Angeles and finalizing a remediation plan for the site. The park will not be completed by the current grant deadline. The department requests the grant performance period be extended from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Slauson-Wall Park project site involves developing a park and housing on a former industrial site. The project has faced some delays, and it is currently on track for completion, but requires an extension of the performance period in order to complete the project. According to RAP, the site was previously owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency and was transferred to the City of Los Angeles. Environmental issues are being addressed through a developing remediation plan. RAP is also working with the Housing and Community Investment

Department (HCID) to split the lot to separately develop the housing portion. RAP will lead the park project and HCID will be the lead on the housing development project. The park project cannot move forward until the remediation work and lot split are completed. However, to maintain progress in the park project, RAP will proceed with the design phase concurrently with the remediation phase. The estimated project completion date is July 2021 and the park is anticipated to open to the public in December 2021. The Project Grant amount is \$4,999,933. The extension of the grant performance period from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022 will permit the City to complete the project and comply with all of the Proposition 84 grant closeout requirements.



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Analyst

Attachment: 1. 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 was awarded a competitive grant from Proposition 84 for the development of the Slauson-Wall Park Project (CD 9; Project No. SW-19-001), for which the project scope includes the acquisition and development of a former four acre industrial site, construction of a new plaza/promenade, multi-use sports fields, children's playground, basketball courts, community garden, and picnic area; and

WHEREAS, the delays in proceeding to the construction schedule include the necessary creation of a remediation plan to clean the project site, and division of the property lot to develop the housing and park projects separately; and

WHEREAS, with the site development and outstanding environmental issues, the park construction has not begun and will not be completed by the current grant deadline; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles requests the grant performance period for the Slauson-Wall Park (CD 9) be extended from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2022; 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 the Slauson-Wall Park (CD 9, Project No. SW-19-001) from June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2022.

PRESENTED BY: _____

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

SECONDED BY: _____

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