

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2009

AGENDA ITEM: 1) Adoption of a Resolution Approving Grant Applications for Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds for the “Wish-List” Projects: Veterans’ Memorial Park Playground (P-447; \$61,192) and Bill Botts Field Improvements (P-639; \$82,078); and, 2) Approval of Budget Amendments to Appropriate the Funding for these Projects Upon Receipt of the Fully Executed Grant Agreements.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM FOR (1) THE BILL BOTTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND (2) THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992 and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection (the Proposition), which, among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purposes of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval for the application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, the application form contains assurances that the Applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant certifies through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

1 WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into Project Agreements with the
2 District for the performance of the projects as described in the application.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City,
4 California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, as follows:

5 1. It approves the filing of applications with the Los Angeles County
6 Regional Park and Open Space District for Cities Excess Funds allocated to the City
7 of Culver City by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2008
8 for the above-named Projects; and
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10 2. It certifies that said Applicant understands the assurances and
11 certifications in the application form; and

12 3. It certifies that the said Applicant understands its obligation to
13 operate and maintain the property in perpetuity; and

14 4. It certifies that said Applicant will sign and return, within 30 days,
15 both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature;
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1 5. It authorizes the City Manager, or designee, as agent of the City
2 of Culver City to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents
3 including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment
4 requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the project as
5 described in the application.

6 APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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D. SCOTT MALSIN, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

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11 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MARTIN COLE, City Clerk
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CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney



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ATTACHMENT 2

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YVONNE B. BURKE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CHAIR OF THE BOARD CITY OF CULVER CITY
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT

September 5, 2008

Mr. Jerry Fulwood
City Manager
City of Culver City
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, California 90230

Dear Mr. Fulwood:

Under the Los Angeles County's 1992 and 1996 Proposition A (Park bonds) the Second Supervisorial District is in the position to award a limited amount of accumulated funding in the specific "Cities" category.

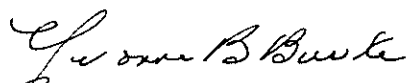
I would like to invite the City of Culver City to submit to my office a "Call-for-projects" wish-list of potential Proposition A compliant city park-related projects, a brief description of the project and their estimated costs by September 30, 2008. Given the limited amount of funding available, the project list for consideration should (a) contain multiple projects, (b) list the projects in order of their priority and desirability, and (c) not exceed a cumulative total of \$500,000.00. Projects with matching funds will be given greater evaluative consideration.

Upon receipt of the lists from the respective Second District cities, we will evaluate the entire list of projects received and subsequently award grants based on the amount of Proposition A funding presently available.

I look forward to receiving your response on or before September 30, 2008.

Please address your submission list to Michael S. Bohlke, my Assistant Chief of Staff.

Sincerely,


YVONNE B. BURKE
Chair of the Board

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c: Mayor and Councilmembers

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA ITEM A-5

DATE: 09/22/08
TO: Mayor Malsin and Honorable Members of the City Council
FROM: Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
THROUGH: Jerry Fulwood, City Manager of the City of Culver City
SUBJECT: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING A "WISH-LIST" OF CITY PARK RELATED PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A EXCESS FUNDS.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Culver City held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Milk Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall on September 19, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to give the Commission an opportunity to review staff's Proposition A "Wish-List" (as submitted for Council review at the September 22, 2008 City Council meeting) and make any additional project recommendations to the City Council (Attachment 1).

At the meeting, the Commission heard project suggestions from the public, both in-person and via email messages read into the record (Attachment 2), for the \$500,000 in potential Proposition A funding that may be recommended for allocation to the City through the Office of Yvonne B. Burke, Supervisor, Second District, and Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Commission's action with regard to this matter is as follows:

MOTION #1: THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S PROPOSITION A "WISH-LIST"

Moved by Vice Chair Daly Redholtz, seconded by Commissioner Cooper and unanimously passed:

That the City Council approve the Proposition A "Wish-List" of Projects in the following priority order (from highest priority to projects with less priority):

1. Fox Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation
2. Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Improvements
3. Syd Kronenthal Park Playground Rehabilitation
4. Bill Botts Field Improvements

MOTION #2: THE COMMISSION'S PREFERRED METHOD OF ALLOCATING (POTENTIAL) PROPOSITION A FUNDS AND THE CITY'S MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS ON THE LIST

Moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Vice Chair Daly Redholtz and unanimously passed:

That the amounts of potential Proposition A funds and the City's matching funds for the projects on the list remain as previously proposed by staff for the Fox Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation and the Syd Kronenthal Park Playground Rehabilitation; and that staff determine how to allocate the balance of the funds between the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Improvement Project and the Bill Botts Field Improvement Project and present the information to the City Council at the September 22, 2008 meeting.

Attachment 1

09-19-08 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting: PROPOSITION A "WISH-LIST"					
PROJECT DESCRIPTION*	PROP A FUNDS	CITY MATCHING FUNDS	SOURCE OF MATCHING FUNDS	PROJECT TOTAL	Community Groups Potentially Pledging Some Financial Support for the Project**
1. FOX HILLS PARK PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION - Replace playground equipment, re-surface playground & bring it into ADA compliance.	\$180,000	\$30,000	Prop 40 RZH Block Grant	\$210,000	Fox Hills Park Neighborhood Association (A representative of this group has expressed interest in supporting the project.)
2. VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS - Add playground features suitable for children ages 5 through 12. Upgrade equipment in the play area for children ages 2 through 5, including the replacement of the slide.	\$111,192	\$18,808	Prop 40 RZH Block Grant	\$130,000	Culver City Great Parks Association (A representative of this group has expressed interest in supporting the project.)
3. SYD KRONENTHAL PARK PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION - Replace playground equipment and/or re-surface playground & bring it into ADA compliance.	\$126,730	\$15,000	Acct. # 42000898; Repair Playground Equipment – Various Parks	\$141,730	East Culver City Neighborhood Alliance / Parks & Service Foundation (Staff is currently attempting to contact representatives of these groups to gauge their interest in supporting the project.)
4. BILL BOTTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (CULVER CITY PARK) - Level the outfield of the Culver City National Little League Field and the adjacent multipurpose field. Replace/upgrade irrigation system, including installation of new sprinkler heads.	\$82,078	\$17,922	Prop 40 Per Capita	\$100,000	Culver City National Little League / American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) (A representative of CC National Little League has stated that the group will donate \$50,000 to the project / It was also stated that AYSO was willing to provide some support).
TOTALS:	\$500,000	\$81,730		\$581,730	

***PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS** for Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Improvements and Bill Botts Field Improvements are based on the discussion and suggestions of the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission at the September 19, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

****If the City Council deems it appropriate**, staff will include letters from these groups pledging future financial support for the projects with the letter submitting the City's "Wish-List" to Supervisor/Chair Burke's Office. Such letters will show community support for the projects. Dollar amounts of possible community-based funding for the projects are not listed in project totals as there are no funds from these groups currently in the City's possession.

Attachment 2

SUMMARY OF ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED RECOMMENDING PROPOSITION A “WISH LIST” PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

Staff received a total of 35 emails proposing ideas for use of the Proposition A funding potentially available from Los Angeles County. Eight speakers addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission at a Special Meeting on September 19, 2008 to provide their input, two of which had submitted their comments via email as well. All comments received have been grouped into the following categories:

- o Playground Renovations
- o Sports Fields, Venues and Surfaces
- o Other
- o Grant Ineligible Recommendations

The number of emails which referenced each category is noted to the right of the category heading. Below each category are the sub-categories that make up that grouping with the number of times an item was raised in parentheses. As some constituents chose to recommend multiple categories and/or subcategories within a single message, types of items mentioned exceed the 35 emails and 8 speakers.

Playground Renovations (29 Mentions)

- Veteran's Memorial Park
 - o Overall (24)
 - o Repair/Replace: Slide (5)
 - o Repair/Replace: Sand (3)
 - o Addition: Playground fencing (8)
 - o Addition: Play elements for children age 5+ (13)
 - o Addition: Playground shade structure (4)
 - o Addition: Universally accessible playground (3)
 - o Addition: Elements for climbing, spinning, balance (3)
 - o Repair/Replace/Enhance: Restrooms (1)
- Fox Hills Park
 - o Replace: Equipment for toddlers & big kids (1)
- Culver City Park
 - o Repair/Replace: Equipment (2)
- Unspecified Location
 - o Repair/Replace: Playground equipment (2)
 - o Addition: Adult fitness elements at/near playgrounds (1)

Sports Fields, Venues & Surfaces (9 Mentions)

- Softball or Baseball Fields
 - o Repair: Multi-purpose field space at Culver City and Culver City National Little League Fields (1)
 - o Repair: Scoreboards at Syd Kronenthal and Veterans Memorial Park (1)
- Tennis Courts
 - o Addition: Courts at Culver City Park (1)
- Addition: Archery range (6)

Other (4 Mentions)

- Media Park
 - o Addition: Seating (1)
- Lindberg Park
 - o Remove/Replace: trees (1)
 - o Repair/Replace: stone house/clubhouse (1)
- Unspecified Locations
 - o Enhancement: Neighborhood parks (1)
 - o Addition: Bicycle parking at larger (interpret as regional and community?) parks (1)
 - o Preserve: Open space (1)
- Culver City Park
 - o Enhancement/Addition: Signage for interpretive trail (1)
 - o Addition: ADA accessible trail (1)
 - o Addition: Turnstile and staff building at Skate Park

Grant Ineligible Recommendations (7 Mentions)

- Maintenance is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - o Maintenance: Veteran's Memorial Park cleanliness, especially the playground (7)
- Training is an ineligible use of the funds available.
 - o Addition: Employment Training for Young Adults with Disabilities (1)

ATTACHMENT 4

EXCERPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

September 22, 2008
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: D. Scott Malsin, Mayor
Gary Silbiger, Vice Mayor
Christopher Armenta, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Item A-5

Approval of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's "Wish-List" of City Park Related Projects Eligible for Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Funds

William La Pointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services gave the staff report.

Anita Shapiro, Chair and Vicki Daly-Redholtz, Vice-Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission, presented the findings from the recent commission meeting.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Jennifer Powell, representing the Culver City Great Parks Association
Cary Anderson

Dan O'Brien, representing the Culver City Great Parks Association

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding interest in the Shane's Inspiration program; support for the Commission's recommendations; whether project costs were real or estimated; clarification on the prioritization process used by the Commission; consideration of future acquisition of land for parks; timing of grants; clarification of the process of requesting funds; whether there was a time limit on using the funds; the need to make the project descriptions as compelling as possible; and the status of the Culver West Park renovation.

Councilmember O'Leary suggested substituting the Senior Center Courtyard improvement for the Bill Botts Field improvement but received no support from the Council.

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SILBIGER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION'S (PRCS) "WISH-LIST" OF CITY PARK RELATED PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION A EXCESS FUNDS.

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE****ATTACHMENT 5****CITY OF CULVER CITY**

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JERRY B. FULWOOD
CITY MANAGER

September 25, 2008

The Honorable Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
Supervisor, Second District
500 West Temple Street, 866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair/Supervisor Burke:

As the City Manager of the City of Culver City, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity that you have given our City to submit this response to your "call for projects" dated September 5, 2008. Our "wish-list" below contains four (4) potential Proposition A compliant city park-related projects listed in order of priority with our highest priority project listed as number one (1):

1. **FOX HILLS PARK PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION** – The playground at Fox Hills Park has not had a complete rehabilitation since the Park was dedicated in 1980. It is a heavily used Park; there are approximately 4,300 Culver City households within a one-mile radius service area of the Park. In addition, it is important to note that approximately 63% of this service area lies within adjacent Second District cities/areas. Fox Hills Park lacks playground equipment for children ages 5 - 12 years of age. An initial evaluation of the existing equipment has raised safety concerns. This project will: (a) replace playground equipment; (b) add playground equipment for the 5 - 12 age group; (c) re-surface the playground using 100% wood fiber; (d) bring the playground into ADA compliance; and, (e) provide an accessible path of travel to and from the parking area to the playground area.

<u>PROPOSITION A REQUEST</u>	<u>CITY MATCH</u>	<u>SOURCE OF MATCH</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
\$180,000	\$30,000	Prop 40 RZH Block Grant	\$210,000

2. **VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS** – A recent (statistically valid) telephone survey by an independent research firm indicated that the facility most often used by members of the households polled was Veterans' Memorial Park. Although the playground area at Veterans' Memorial Park was last updated in 1998, it is in need of improvement and additional equipment due to heavy use and the non-challenging nature of the existing equipment. Importantly, this playground also lacks equipment for children ages 5 - 12 years of age. The equipment for the younger children is worn, not challenging and in disrepair. This project will: (a) replace playground equipment; and, (b) add playground equipment suitable for use by those in the 5 - 12 age group.

<u>PROPOSITION A REQUEST</u>	<u>CITY MATCH</u>	<u>SOURCE OF MATCH</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
\$111,192	\$18,808	Prop 40 RZH Block Grant	\$130,000

3. **SYD KRONENTHAL PARK PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION** - The playground area at Syd Kronenthal (excluding the "Tot Lot") has not been updated since 1990. It is a heavily used Park as there is a school adjacent to the Park and approximately 2,400 Culver City households within a one-

mile radius service area of the Park. As with Fox Hills Park, about 63% of this one-mile radius service area benefits our Second District neighbors. An initial evaluation of the existing equipment has raised safety concerns. The surface of the large play area is sand, which no longer meets playground safety standards. This project will: (a) replace playground equipment and/or re-surface playground using 100% wood fiber; (b) incorporate features that make the playground ADA compliant; and, (c) provide an accessible path of travel to and from the parking area to the playground area.

<u>PROPOSITION A REQUEST</u>	<u>CITY MATCH</u>	<u>SOURCE OF MATCH</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
\$126,730	\$15,000	Culver City Budget – Capital Improvement Funds	\$141,730

4. **BILL BOTTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS (CULVER CITY PARK)** – It is estimated that approximately 2,000 youth utilize the Culver City National Little League Field and the adjacent multipurpose field during the baseball, softball and soccer seasons. This does not take into account the frequent use of the area by those who reside within the 3-mile radius service area of the Park and beyond. The playing surface is irregular, rutted and could easily lead to injuries. This project will: (a) level the outfield of the Culver City National Little League Field and the adjacent multipurpose field; and, (b) replace/upgrade the irrigation system in the area, including the installation of new sprinkler heads.

<u>PROPOSITION A REQUEST</u>	<u>CITY MATCH</u>	<u>SOURCE OF MATCH</u>	<u>CULVER CITY NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE DONATION</u>	<u>PROJECT TOTAL</u>
\$82,078	\$17,922	Proposition 40 Per Capita	\$50,000	\$150,000

Overall, Culver City's total Proposition A Funds request is \$500,000. These projects are being presented for your consideration based on a number of factors, including an outpouring of public comment, the concerns of affiliated community-based groups, the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan (currently under review), the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission and, finally, action of the City Council of the City of Culver City taken at the September 22, 2008 meeting. We have enclosed letters of support from Culver City organizations; please consider the strong support for these projects conveyed therein, including pledges of cash donations, during the project evaluation process.

We hope that you are as enthusiastic as we are about the prospect of completing these "wish list" projects, thereby making our facilities safer and more accommodating for park users in Culver City and surrounding Second District cities/areas. In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many years of service to the State of California, the County of Los Angeles and the Second District cities. You have long been a great advocate of our City and its parks and recreation system. We are deeply appreciative of your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Cole, ACM

Jerry B. Fulwood, City Manager
City of Culver City

JBF:WLP:pm

c: Mayor Malsin and Members of the City Council

(enclosures)

Fox Hills Neighborhood Association

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September 25, 2008

The Honorable Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
Supervisor, Second District
500 West Temple Street
866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair/Supervisor Burke:

The Fox Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation is the number one (1) priority project on the City park-related project "Wish-List" submitted to your Office by the City of Culver City. As the president of Fox Hills Neighborhood Association (FHNA), I am writing to urge you to consider awarding a Proposition A grant to the City of Culver City for this project. FHNA is so committed to the success of this project that we are planning to embark upon a "capital campaign" in hopes of garnering donations from the multiple corporations that have made Fox Hills their home, such as Westfield Fox Hills Mall, Symantec, Time Warner Cable, J.C. Penney, Macy's, and, coming very soon – Target and Best Buy. These funds will then be donated to the City through our Fiscal Receiver, the Culver City Parks and Service Foundation, to supplement any Proposition A funds awarded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the City matching funds earmarked for the project.

Fox Hills Park was constructed in 1978. Although there have been some minor upgrades and maintenance-related improvements through the years, the proposed Playground Rehabilitation will be the first major "face-lift" since the Park was built. Of course, this project offers much more than just "cosmetics" – there will be functional improvements that bring the playground into ADA compliance, including new 100% wood fiber surfacing and accessible age-appropriate play equipment in the two separate play areas (one area for children 2 – 5 years of age and another for those 5 – 12 years of age).

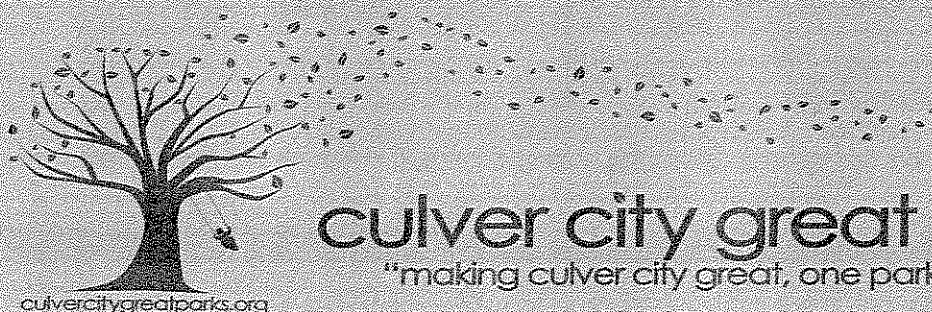
The dilapidated condition of the playground is just one factor to consider in evaluating the worthiness of this project. The volume of users at this neighborhood park is significant due to the fact that it is situated in the most densely populated corner of Culver City. There are more condominium and apartment complexes within a one-half mile radius of the Park than anywhere else within the City. In addition, Fox Hills Park is frequented by those from Westchester, Ladera Heights, Baldwin Hills, View Park, Windsor Hills, and Marina Del Rey.

FHNA is responsive to the needs and interests of the community. The first event similar to our current "Fox Hills Park Pride Day" was held in 2003 and has grown more popular and received increased corporate and community support with each passing year. FHNA is proud to be located within the Second Supervisorial District. Please accept our request for the award of Proposition A funds for the Fox Hills Park Playground Rehabilitation in the same heartfelt manner that it was sent.

Sincerely,



Lezlie Brazil, President
Fox Hills Neighborhood Association



September 25, 2008

The Honorable Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
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Dear Chair/Supervisor Burke:

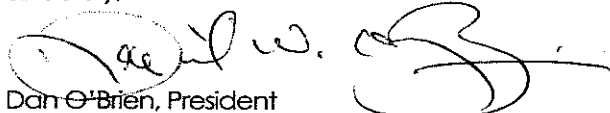
There is no doubt that the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground is in desperate need of improvement; a look at the public record makes it crystal clear. This is the second time this year that the community, including the members of our organization, the Culver City Great Parks Association (CCGPA), has been asked by the City of Culver City to submit suggestions regarding possible Proposition A funded projects. Earlier, it was in relation to a \$250,000 grant that was awarded by your Office and approved by the Board of Supervisors. Most recently, it is in response to the "call for projects" wish list of City park-related projects requested of all Second District cities. On each occasion, requests for playground improvements at Veterans' Memorial ("Vets") Park topped the public's priority list.

The last playground equipment replacement and accessibility upgrade at Vets Park took place in 1998. Since that time, the majority of the playground's features have fallen into disrepair. The condition of the playground is so poor that many residents stated in their comments that, although they live within walking distance of Vets Park, they prefer to drive their children to playgrounds in nearby cities and other areas outside of Culver City. Another issue that has arisen regarding the Park is that it lacks a play area with equipment suitable for those ages 5 through 12. Many feel that this omission was an unforgivable oversight during the 1998 rehabilitation of the playground.

Your approval of the Veterans' Memorial Park Playground Improvement Project will quell the community outcry regarding the current state of our beloved Vets Park Playground. It is the dream of the Culver City Great Parks Association to eventually transform the playground into one that is universally accessible and rivals West L.A.'s "Aiden's Place" in form, function and popularity. Our fundraising efforts for this ambitious project have just begun. In the interim, CCGPA is pledging to commit funds to the Vets Park Playground Project. With just a few modest improvements, including new play features for those ages 5 through 12 and the upgrade of the younger children's equipment, we expect that the playground will win back some of the children, parents and families who previously abandoned it.

This is not to say that this park amenity is underutilized. On the contrary, its central, highly visible location makes it the City's most frequented playground. However, in its dilapidated state, the playground is not serving our community optimally. The Culver City Great Parks Association would like to help make the playground a place where beautiful and lasting childhood memories are made. Please consider funding this much-needed project.

Sincerely,


Dan O'Brien, President
Culver City Great Parks Association

September 25, 2008



The Honorable Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
Supervisor, Second District
500 West Temple Street
866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Chair/Supervisor Burke:

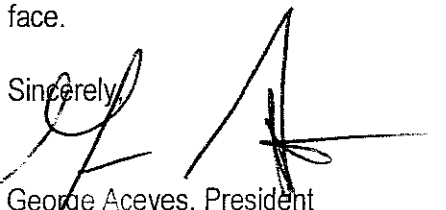
I am writing on behalf of the Culver City National Little League (CCNLL) Board of Directors in support of the Bill Botts Field Improvement Project. This project has been submitted to your Office on the City of Culver City's "Wish-List" for potential Proposition A funding. The Board wants you to know that the Culver City National Little League, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, has, on-hand, **\$50,000** that will be donated toward the completion of this project if a Proposition A grant is awarded to the City.

As an active member of CCNLL for many years and current Board President, I can attest to the deplorable condition of the outfield used by the youth in our organization and the adjacent multipurpose field. The playing surface is not only significantly irregular, but riddled with holes that pose a hazard to players. If your Office determines that this project is worthy of a grant award, the fields will be leveled and repaired and the irrigation system will be upgraded. The result will be a safer, more usable and esthetically pleasing venue for community members of all ages to get out and enjoy recreational activities in Culver City Park.

One reason for the appalling condition of the playing surface at Bill Botts Field is the fact that it never gets a "break." The area is used year-round because it is shared by our organization and the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). We estimate that approximately 2,000 youth utilize the fields; and this does not even take into account those who use the space during the morning and early afternoon hours before the organized sports teams take to the fields.

As you are aware, Culver City is a highly urbanized five square mile area where almost 40,000 people live and 250,000 work/visit during weekdays. In addition to serving Culver City residents, our parks are a valuable community resource for those in surrounding Second District areas and cities such as Inglewood, West Los Angeles, Mar Vista, Palms, Venice and Westchester. Thank you for presenting an opportunity to provide funding that would improve areas of Bill Botts Field in Culver City Park. We are especially appreciative of this funding opportunity in light of the fiscal challenges that California and its cities currently face.

Sincerely,


George Aceves, President
Board of Directors
Culver City National Little League