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Mary M. Bethune Park Dreamfield Improvement Project

In November 2014, Mary M. Bethune Park, which is operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, was selected as a grant recipient from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (Dodgers Foundation) to fund a ball field renovation, new scoreboard and signage.

The Dodgers Foundation was created in 1995 to provide educational, athletic, and recreational opportunities for underserved youth and has been a strong supporter of recreational programming throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

The Dodgers Foundation will be contributing \$110,000 towards the construction of a baseball diamond at Mary M. Bethune Park and shall provide project management services to ensure proper installation of the work. The remaining project costs will be augmented with \$71,000 in Second District capital improvement funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Find that the ball field renovation and the installation of new scoreboard and signage is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to

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Sections 15302 and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 and 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves renovation of existing facilities and installation of accessory structures;

- 2) Approve and delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, to execute the necessary access agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for construction activities associated with the baseball diamond renovation at Mary M. Bethune Park, upon approval as to form by County Counsel. The agreement shall provide for the mutual indemnification of the parties for any negligent acts or omissions;
- 3) Approve an appropriation adjustment to transfer funds from the Capital Projects/Refurbishments budget unit allocated for Second District capital improvements to the Project and Facility Development budget unit;
- 4) Instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to execute a funding agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in the amount of \$71,000 for construction activities associated with the baseball diamond renovation at Mary M. Bethune Park to be funded by Second District capital improvement funds; and
- 5) Instruct the Department of Parks and Recreation to send a letter of appreciation acknowledging the donation from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation, following completion and acceptance of the improvements.

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