

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

DECEMBER 12, 2017

Budget Adjustment to Facilitate the Development of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tree Grove along the Park to Playa Trail

On October 24, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Director of the Department of Public Works, to take appropriate steps in order to deliver the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tree Grove along the Park to Playa Trail (the Project). This included approving the Project and finding it to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Inspired by Dr. King’s speech during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the Project is intended to enhance an existing overlook at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation area with additional oak trees, landscaping, a combination of concrete and decomposed granite pathways, and amenities such as seating, boulders and monument signage.

The estimated budget for the Project is \$400,000 which includes funds for construction, landscaping, and county services. \$200,000 of Proposition A Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District has been allocated for this Project. On December 8, 2017, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy approved a \$200,000 grant towards the Project which should now be incorporated into the Project’s budget.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of the previous categorical exemption under CEQA for the previously approved Martin Luther King, Jr. Tree Grove Project;
2. Approve the revised total project budget for the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview Nature Center to Scenic Overlook Capital Project #69784 from a previously adopted budget of \$2,330,000 to \$2,730,000 in order to incorporate the increased scope to include the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tree Grove (the Project); and
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$400,000 to appropriate \$200,000 in Excess Grant Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, and \$200,000 in California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 Grant Funds allocated by the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to fully fund the Project.

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