

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

DECEMBER 12, 2017

FACILITATING TRANSPORTATION TO GIRLS BUILD LA'S EVENT

On September 26, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) declared the month of October 2017 as "Girls' Empowerment Month" throughout the County of Los Angeles and pledged support to the LA Promise Fund's "Girls Build LA Initiative", a grant-funded empowerment program which engages middle and high school girls in identifying the challenges women and girls face in Los Angeles, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and encourages them to implement solutions to break down those barriers.

The Board also authorized up to \$65,000 of Proposition A Local Return Transit Funds in order to reimburse participating school districts for the transportation costs associated with Girls Build LA events that will take place over the 2017-2018 academic year.

Subsequently, the LA Promise Fund announced that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Senator Kamala Harris will both be speaking at their inaugural "Girls Build Leadership Summit" which will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center on December 15, 2017. This event is anticipated to be attended by 10,000 students and therefore additional resources are required to ensure adequate transportation services for all participants.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Find that approval of this action, as described herein, is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a "project" pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- 2) Direct the Director of the Department of Public Works to disburse up to \$16,000 of Proposition A Local Return Transit Program Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to the LA Promise Fund in order to reimburse participating school districts for the transportation costs associated with the "Girls Build Leadership Summit" which will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center on December 15, 2017. Funding is included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2017- 2018 Budget.

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