

SUBJECT: FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST  
FOR PLUMMER PARK CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council will consider authorizing the submittal of an application for Federal Appropriations Funding for Fiscal Year 2011 for the Plummer Park Capital Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Authorize staff to submit application for Federal Appropriations Funding in the amount of \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 2011
- 2) Appoint City Manager, or his/her designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, applications and agreements necessary for completion of the appropriations-funded project
- 3) If the appropriation funds are awarded, authorize the Director of Finance to adjust the budget in fiscal year 2011 to reflect the actual appropriations award of \$750,000 for a total of \$750,000 in increased budgeted expenditures and revenues

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

The City of West Hollywood celebrated 25 years of cityhood in November of last year. In celebration of this landmark, the City has embarked upon a new Capital Project to develop premiere public facilities, parks and open space. the "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Project " The project includes three major components

- 1) The implementation of Phase I of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan (which includes the construction of the new West Hollywood Library which broke ground on June 1, 2009),
- 2) West Hollywood City Hall Community Service Center and Parking Component; and

### 3) Implementation of Phase I of the Plummer Park Master Plan

The City submitted an application for Phase I of the Plummer Park Master Plan Project last year; however the request was not forwarded for funding in fiscal year 2010. Applications for Federal Appropriations Requests for Fiscal Year 2011 were sent out on January 5, 2010; they are due on February 5, 2010. Staff, in consultation with the City's Federal Lobbyists, took feedback from Senator Feinstein's office from the prior year's request and will integrate their comments into this new application to increase the City's likelihood of being selected for funding.

The Plummer Park Master Plan Project is the culmination of an extensive community planning process conducted by the City of West Hollywood involving its diverse stakeholders: families with children, teens, seniors (many of whom are immigrants from countries of the former Soviet Union) and community-serving organizations. The two elements of the project for which the City seeks funding are: (1) a new, expanded childcare center, which is a joint project of the City and a non-profit service provider which receives operating funds from the State and the County, and (2) renovation of a Fiesta Hall, a multi-purpose auditorium which will be used by the pre-school, Teen Center participants, LA Unified Adult School students, and community-based social services, arts, and cultural organizations.

#### EVALUATION:

If awarded, this appropriations grant will improve residents' quality of life because of improvements in energy efficient systems in public facilities and cost savings. Additionally, the expanded childcare center will add a new classroom to the pre-school providing low cost education and childcare services for more West Hollywood families with children.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:

Proposed programs will have a direct positive effect on the health and well being of constituents and the overall health of the community. Renovation of Fiesta Hall and construction of a new expanded childcare center will use green building principles when building and upgrading building systems.

#### CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020.

This item is consistent with West Hollywood's Ongoing Strategic Programs of **Fiscal Responsibility, Actively Participating in Regional Issues** and **"Upgrade existing buildings and infrastructure."**

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

Assistant City Manager's Division, Human Services Department and City Federal Lobbyists.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.