



Date: May 31, 2019
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PW*
From: Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine *GM*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Los Angeles County Measure A Allocations for Park Projects**

In 2016, Los Angeles County voters approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016 (County Measure A), which authorizes dedicated local funding for park, recreation, and open space development through an annual special tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of building floor area on all taxable real property in the County. County Measure A makes funding available to eligible recipients for projects that repair and upgrade parks and recreational facilities; create new parks; preserve and protect open spaces and beaches; and, support recreational programming. County Measure A provides funding through both annual allocation programs and competitive grant programs. Annual allocations are distributed using set formulas, while competitive grants are awarded on a competitive basis during set grant cycles.

The County Measure A Annual Allocation Program is a formula grant based on population. Annual allocations are divided among the 188 Study Areas that were used to prepare the initial Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment (PNA) in 2016. The City of Long Beach (City) contains five Study Areas: Central, East, North, South, and West. Attachment A shows the Long Beach Study Areas overlaid on Council Districts.

Community-Based Park Investment Program (Category 1) funds are allocated annually to each Study Area in the County. Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, and Urban Greening Program (Category 2) funds are allocated annually to Study Areas identified as High-Need or Very-High-Need in the most current PNA. Funds in both categories are allocated using a Per Capita and Structural Improvements Formula.

Recently resolved litigation had prevented the County from releasing allocation funding, resulting in allocations for two years being available as of June 2019. The City will receive funding up to \$4,312,724 over the two-year funding period. Annual allocations in Category 1 and Category 2 for each Long Beach Study Area are shown below:

PLANNING AREA	Category 1	Category 2	Total
North	\$499,782.64	\$369,786.26	\$869,568.90
South	\$1,114,047.64	\$838,830.52	\$1,952,878.16
East	\$500,892.94	\$0.00	\$500,892.94
Central	\$224,929.00	\$0.00	\$224,929.00
West	\$438,553.86	\$325,900.96	\$764,454.82
Total	\$2,778,206.08	\$1,534,517.74	\$4,312,723.82

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The Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine Departments jointly recommend applying for County Measure A allocation funding for the projects shown in Attachment B, which are consistent with the goals of the PNA.

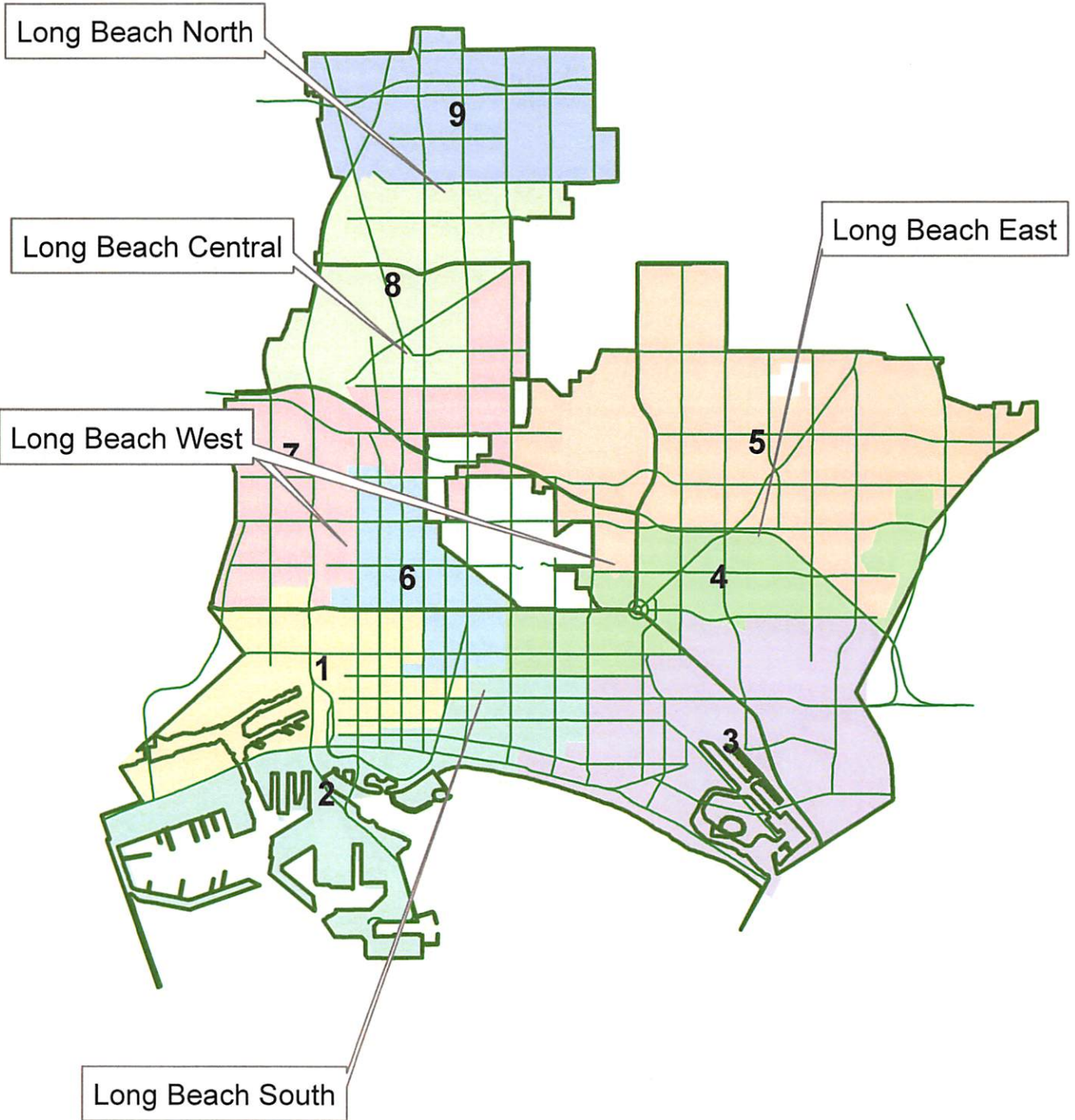
Next Steps

A City Council agenda item is planned for the June 11, 2019, requesting authorizing for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to submit grant applications to the County, which initiates the preparation of project funding agreements that will be promptly executed to allow acquisition of Tanaka Park and park improvements to occur expeditiously. Once agreements are executed, the Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine Departments will jointly return to the City Council with a request to increase appropriations, offset by grant revenues.

ATTACHMENTS

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ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

DISTRICT	PLANNING AREA	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	South	14th Street Park Improvements	Construction of new park areas that connect park parcels across closed streets, including hardscape, landscape and irrigation, recreational amenities and site furnishings. Additional future funds will be needed to complete this project.	\$270,000.00
2	South	Lincoln Park	Construction of Lincoln Park replacement, including hardscape, landscape and irrigation, recreational amenities and site furnishings. Additional future funds will be needed to complete this project.	\$754,947.47
2	South	Bixby Park Parcel One Improvements	Installation of ADA pathways at Bixby Park Parcel One. Funding supplements Long Beach Measure A funds for this project. Additional future funds may be needed to complete this project.	\$90,000.00
3	South	PE Right-of-Way Grand/10th - Temple/8th	Construction of greenbelt on undeveloped park property, including concrete walking path, landscape and irrigation, lighting and site furnishings. Additional future funds will be needed to complete this project.	\$282,642.88
4	East	Whaley Park HVAC	Design/engineering for air conditioning system at Whaley Park Community Center, which currently has no air conditioning. Additional future funds will be needed to complete this project.	\$225,401.82
5	East	Wardlow Park Restroom ADA Improvements	ADA improvements to the interior Wardlow Park restrooms. Funding supplements emergency CIP funding for this project. Additional future funds may be needed to complete identified first phase projects.	\$225,401.82
6	South	MacArthur Park Improvements	Funding for park improvements identified in MacArthur Park Vision Plan, including new restroom, building expansion, new landscape and irrigation, lighting, recreational amenities and site improvements. Additional future funds will be needed to complete identified first phase projects.	\$180,000.00
6	South	McBride Park Improvements	Roof Repairs at McBride Park Community Center. Additional future funds may be needed to complete this project.	\$180,000.00
7	West	Tanaka Park Acquisition	Acquisition of private property to retain Tanaka Park. Funding supplements other City and private funds for the purchase.	\$764,454.82
8	Central	Scherer Park Improvements	Creation of Scherer Park Master Plan, with remaining funding set aside for first phase projects identified in Vision Plan. Additional future funds will be needed to complete identified first phase projects.	\$202,436.10
9	North	Houghton Park Community Center Improvements	Rehabilitation of existing Houghton Park Community Center rooms. Funding supplements existing grant and City funding for this project.	\$782,612.01
	All	Required Grant Program Administration and Community Engagement for 11 Projects, and Tracking/Reporting	Required County Measure A community engagement, grant program administration, tracking, reporting and close-out responsibilities.	\$354,826.90
TOTAL				\$4,312,723.82