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**BOARD REPORT**

**NO.** 19-001

**DATE** January 16, 2019

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT:** NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS 10-MINUTE WALK CAMPAIGN 2019  
PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - ACCEPTANCE OF  
GRANT FUNDS

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General Manager

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of a grant application for the National Recreation and Parks (NRPA) 10-Minute Walk Campaign 2019 Planning and Technical Assistance (Grant) in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), which was submitted without prior Mayor or Council approval due to this being a competitive grant with no City General Funds or matching funds required, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to accept and receive the Grant in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), from NRPA in support of RAP's 10-Minute Walk park access goals, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
3. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive 3 (Villaraigosa Series), Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for Council Committee and City Council approval, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Accounting Employee, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;
5. Authorize three RAP staff involved with this grant to attend a mandatory in-person training with NRPA in Chattanooga, TN on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 utilizing Grant funds;

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205 to accept the NRPA Grant funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to assist with RAP's 10-Minute Walk park access goals; and

7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

### SUMMARY

The 10-Minute Walk Campaign requests Mayors of all cities in the United States to demonstrate their commitment to parks by encouraging them to adopt long-term strategies to improve equitable access to quality parks. NRPA, along with The Trust for Public Land (TPL), and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) state that they are leading a nationwide movement to ensure there is a great park within a 10-minute walk of every person, in every neighborhood, in every city across America. Over 220 Mayors across America, including Mayor Garcetti, have signed on to the 10-Minute Walk Campaign to show their support and commitment to increase equitable park access.

This is the second round of planning and technical assistance grants being awarded since NRPA, TPL, and ULI started this campaign. There will be a total of 10 U.S. cities receiving this grant award in 2019, including the City of Los Angeles. This Grant will provide technical assistance from NRPA, TPL, and ULI to assist with further developing RAP's 10-Minute Walk plan. It will also include peer support and networking opportunities with other grantees through monthly conference calls. This Grant is accompanied by an award of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be utilized for staff professional development, travel expenses for staff to attend training, staffing, community engagement, consulting, or data analysis to further RAP's 10-Minute Walk park access goals. As part of the Grant requirement, RAP is expected to send three employees involved with this grant to an in-person training being held in Chattanooga, TN from March 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 utilizing Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600) from the Grant funds awarded.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this grant from NRPA does not require RAP to provide matching funds; therefore, it would not impact RAP's General Fund. This grant will provide technical assistance and funding to assist RAP in advancing its 10-Minute Walk park access goals.

This Report was prepared by Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst I, Program Grants.

### ATTACHMENT:

Letter of support from Mayor Garcetti, dated November 9, 2018



November 9, 2018

Barbara Tulipane  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)  
22377 Belmont Ridge Road  
Ashburn, VA 20148-4501

Dear Ms. Tulipane:

Every Angeleno deserves access to a high-quality park. Parks are a key priority of our Sustainable City pLAN (City pLAN), which calls for a Los Angeles (LA) that is environmentally healthy, economically prosperous, and equitable in opportunity for all. That is why I am writing in support of the LA Department of Recreation and Park's (RAP's) application for the planning and technical assistance grant opportunity through the NRPA's *10-Minute Walk Campaign*.

In Los Angeles, only 55% of residents live within a one-half mile walk of a park or open space, and this access varies disproportionately across our neighborhoods. Angelenos who live in lower income communities of color have not had equitable access to open space resources. That is why the City pLAN sets a goal of increasing the percentage of Angelenos living within a one-half mile of a park or open space to 65% by 2025 and to 75% by 2035. This summer, RAP released its five year strategic plan, committing to providing Angelenos with safer and more accessible park space. New local and state funding sources, such as Measure A and Prop. 68, will support RAP in achieving these goals.

With the support of the NRPA through its 10-Minute Walk Campaign, which brings nationwide strategies and resources, RAP will be able to more effectively increase

access to high-quality parks through in-person training, data analysis, consulting, community engagement, and staff professional development.

I am pleased to support RAP's application and grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark at the end.

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles