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## BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: MEASURE A GRANT STATUS UPDATE (APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2019)

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

Receive and file the Measure A Grant Status Update as provided in this Report covering second and third quarter periods of 2019 from April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 and direct the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) as the designated Grant Administrator for Measure A Grant Program to submit this status update to the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee in accordance with City Council instructions (Council File 18-0611).

### SUMMARY

In 2016, Los Angeles County (County) voters approved Measure A, which provides the City of Los Angeles formula-based annual allocations for capital improvement projects under Community-based Park Investment Program (Category 1) and Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program (Category 2); competitive grants for capital improvement projects and recreational access programs under Natural Lands, Local Beaches, Water Conservation and Protection (Category 3) and Regional Recreation Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility (Category 4); and additional competitive grants for Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement (Category 5). Additional annual allocations are available under Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset Proposition A and Measure A funded capital projects. Funding through the Measure A grant program will be generated in perpetuity through the collection of a parcel tax, with an estimated total annual funding of \$96.8 million across the County. In October 2018, City Council designated the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee as the administering entity for Measure A with RAP serving as the Grant Administrator, and instructed RAP to submit quarterly status updates for the Measure A grant program (Council File 18-0611). Per such instructions, RAP presents this Quarterly Status Update.

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Key events and activities in the second and third quarters include:

- 4/17/19: Los Angeles City Council approved RAP's Measure A Proposed Park Improvement Plan (PIP) covering FY 18-19 through FY 20-21.
- 4/24/19: Regional Park and Open Space District announced that California Supreme Court ruled in favor of the County in a lawsuit challenging the legality of Measure A. Dondlinger (Jimmie J.) v. Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District.
- 5/8/19: RAP staff attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Park Summit hosted by Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to receive training and networking opportunities related to park planning and grants administration. Regional Park and Open Space District announced the eventual implementation of Measure A competitive grant programs that had been postponed due to the lawsuit.
- 5/13/19: Regional Park and Open Space District officially launched its seminal WebGrants Grant Management System (GMS) to provide an internet platform for grants management and grant application submission.
- 5/6- 5/13/19: RAP's Grants Administration staff attended the "Application Workshops" series moderated by Regional Park and Open Space District to train RAP staff on the submission of annual allocation grant applications through its WebGrants GMS portal.
- 4/1 - 8/5/19: Due to substantial time investment to Proposition 68 grant submissions, RAP postponed development of the Measure A's Annual Allocation grant applications until after August 5, 2019 to concentrate its organizational resources to submit Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program (SPP) grant applications. RAP staff from multiple sections including Grants Administration, Planning, Maintenance, and Construction, and Recreational Staff mobilized to research, prepare and submit 21 Proposition 68 grant applications. On the City's behalf, RAP's nonprofit partners submitted two additional grant applications. In partnership with multiple nonprofits, neighborhood councils, and council districts, RAP conducted more than 100 community engagement meetings that engaged 6,438 community members. RAP submitted all applications on time.
- 8/6 – 10/15/19: RAP is finalizing a \$2.9 million reimbursement request under Measure A Maintenance and Servicing Program as provided by the Regional Park and Open Space District to offset increased labor and expenses for Proposition A funded capital projects such as Hansen Dam and Exposition Aquatic Centers.

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8/15 – 3/30/20: RAP has resumed the implementation of its three year PIP with the following objectives: 1) develop project scopes and budgets to submit an initial batch of approximately 16 grant applications under Measure A Category 1 and 2 annual allocation grant programs; 2) train RAP Recreational Staff members on Measure A and how to conduct community engagement meetings; and 3) develop targeted outreach measures to engage communities where projects are located. RAP staff is planning projects and submitting Measure A grant applications in phases throughout the year. Through this multiphase approach, RAP will request authority from Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) and L.A. For Kids Steering Committee to both submit grant applications and accept grant awards. RAP expects to submit the first batch of annual allocation grant applications by March 2020.

5/01 – 12/30/19: With assistance from the City Attorney's Office, RAP is finalizing a draft ordinance to create special funds to effectively manage Measure A funding. RAP expects the draft ordinance to be transmitted to Council by December 2019.

9/5 – 6/30/20: Regional Park and Open Space District announced the implementation of the 2019-20 Measure A Competitive Grant programs totaling \$15.2 million for: 1) Recreational Access Programs (\$7.2 million) with an additional \$1 million from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M funding; and 2) Youth & Veteran's Job Training and Placement Programs (\$7 million). Both grant programs commence in September 2019. Regional Park and Open Space District is conducting training workshops for applicants from September 2019 through January 2020. The deadline to submit all grant applications is February 25, 2020 with grant awards expected in June 2020. Recreational Access grants support programs that increase County resident access to parks through education, interpretive services, safety information, transportation, and other activities especially for residents in high-need and very high-need areas. Youth and Veteran's Job Training and Placement supports programs that provide education and skills training (career development) or certification and job placement in the field of parks and recreation, for youth and veterans. RAP staff will attend the workshop series and evaluate the possibility of grant submission for existing or new program(s).

9/17/19: Regional Park and Open Space District announced new Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Category 1 and 2 Annual Allocations totaling \$19,270,970.77. The new allocations combined with Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Category 1 and 2 Annual Allocations of \$18,434,728.07 provide a grand total of

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\$37,705,698.84. Further, \$3,070,489.48 has been allocated for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Measure A Maintenance and Servicing Program to offset maintenance and servicing increases in Proposition A funded projects. Moreover, Category 1 and Category 2 annual allocations to all County of Los Angeles Study Areas for both Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Fiscal Year 2019-20 presently amount to \$88,714,246.39. Out of this total, Regional Park and Open Space District has awarded \$954,988.31 in grants to 5 Study Areas with a remaining balance of \$87,759,258.08.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact because there are no Measure A expenditures reported for the period covering April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

**Goal No. 1:** Provide Safe and Accessible Parks  
**Outcome No. 1:** Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood  
**Key Metric:** Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood  
**Target:** 60% by 2022  
**Result:** Measure A program will develop park projects to enhance and increase attendance and participation in RAP community parks and recreation centers.

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### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

1) Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 Allocations by Study Area

**City of Los Angeles  
2019-2020 Annual Allocations**

09/16/2019

Study Area ID	Study Area Name	Community-based Park Investment Program Allocation Amount	Neighborhood Parks, Healthy Communities, & Urban Greening Program Allocation Amount	Total
117	City of LA (Arleta - Pacoima)	\$ 292,527.70	\$ 216,218.35	\$ 508,746.05
83	City of LA (Baldwin Hills - Leimert - Hyde Park)	\$ 257,868.68	\$ 194,665.02	\$ 452,533.70
26	City of LA (Bel Air - Beverly Crest / UN Hollywood Hills)	\$ 101,962.66	\$ -	\$ 101,962.66
135	City of LA (Boyle Heights)	\$ 256,861.00	\$ 192,214.94	\$ 449,075.94
129	City of LA (Brentwood - Pacific Palisades)	\$ 247,302.81	\$ -	\$ 247,302.81
58	City of LA (Canoga Park - Winnetka)	\$ 281,244.58	\$ 211,597.04	\$ 492,841.62
59	City of LA (Central City North)	\$ 95,541.22	\$ 74,800.34	\$ 170,341.56
118	City of LA (Central City)	\$ 273,622.84	\$ 223,151.77	\$ 496,774.61
152	City of LA (Chatsworth - Porter Ranch / UI Chatsworth)	\$ 387,660.72	\$ -	\$ 387,660.72
136	City of LA (Encino - Tarzana)	\$ 286,310.71	\$ -	\$ 286,310.71
164	City of LA (Exposition Park - University Park - Vermont Square)	\$ 490,370.06	\$ 364,151.70	\$ 854,521.76
73	City of LA (Granada Hills - Knollwood)	\$ 203,113.51	\$ -	\$ 203,113.51
43	City of LA (Harbor Gateway)	\$ 147,629.31	\$ 112,896.01	\$ 260,525.32
103	City of LA (Hollywood - North)	\$ 359,919.57	\$ -	\$ 359,919.57
104	City of LA (Hollywood - South)	\$ 338,311.54	\$ 255,998.42	\$ 594,309.96
130	City of LA (Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills)	\$ 431,403.37	\$ 320,967.20	\$ 752,370.57
94	City of LA (North Hollywood - Valley Village)	\$ 443,397.32	\$ 334,350.92	\$ 777,748.24
183	City of LA (Northeast Los Angeles - North)	\$ 445,874.76	\$ -	\$ 445,874.76
177	City of LA (Northeast Los Angeles - South)	\$ 277,826.23	\$ -	\$ 277,826.23
60	City of LA (Northridge)	\$ 227,275.46	\$ 172,761.71	\$ 400,037.17
105	City of LA (Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey)	\$ 361,161.79	\$ 273,268.72	\$ 634,430.51
95	City of LA (Reseda - West Van Nuys)	\$ 347,021.84	\$ 261,042.42	\$ 608,064.26
185	City of LA (San Pedro / Port of Los Angeles / UI La Rambla)	\$ 258,649.26	\$ -	\$ 258,649.26
84	City of LA (Sherman Oaks - Studio City / UI Universal City)	\$ 317,094.28	\$ -	\$ 317,094.28
138	City of LA (Silver Lake - Echo Park - Elysian Valley)	\$ 219,813.88	\$ -	\$ 219,813.88
119	City of LA (South Los Angeles)	\$ 308,916.05	\$ 228,889.29	\$ 537,805.34
169	City of LA (Southeast Los Angeles - North)	\$ 395,442.18	\$ 294,024.20	\$ 689,466.38
163	City of LA (Southeast Los Angeles)	\$ 413,778.52	\$ 304,248.30	\$ 718,026.82
120	City of LA (Sun Valley - La Tuna Canyon)	\$ 291,773.17	\$ 220,260.46	\$ 512,033.63
139	City of LA (Sunland-Tujunga-Lake View Terrace-Shadow Hills)	\$ 198,001.44	\$ -	\$ 198,001.44
96	City of LA (Sylmar)	\$ 243,206.57	\$ -	\$ 243,206.57
61	City of LA (Valley Glen - North Sherman Oaks)	\$ 259,127.29	\$ 194,996.15	\$ 454,123.44
44	City of LA (Van Nuys - North Sherman Oaks)	\$ 262,743.65	\$ 198,683.16	\$ 461,426.81
106	City of LA (Venice)	\$ 129,931.77	\$ 99,346.31	\$ 229,278.08
107	City of LA (West Adams)	\$ 287,327.56	\$ 214,516.34	\$ 501,843.90
146	City of LA (West Hills - Woodland Hills / UI Canoga Park)	\$ 353,807.65	\$ -	\$ 353,807.65
85	City of LA (West Los Angeles)	\$ 320,906.55	\$ 249,528.33	\$ 570,434.88
67	City of LA (Westchester - Playa del Rey / LAX)	\$ 229,146.07	\$ 177,641.62	\$ 406,787.69
147	City of LA (Westlake)	\$ 333,767.70	\$ 248,766.39	\$ 582,534.09
45	City of LA (Westwood / UI Sawtelle VA Center)	\$ 184,710.25	\$ 141,072.31	\$ 325,782.56
121	City of LA (Wilmington - Harbor City / LA Port of LA)	\$ 233,328.19	\$ -	\$ 233,328.19
68	City of LA (Wilshire - Koreatown)	\$ 506,457.87	\$ 379,456.30	\$ 885,914.17
108	City of LA (Wilshire - West)	\$ 457,039.60	\$ 352,279.87	\$ 809,319.47
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 12,759,177.18</b>	<b>\$ 6,511,793.59</b>	<b>\$ 19,270,970.77</b>