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### BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: FLAT TOP PARK – PRELIMINARY AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR PARK PURPOSES

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### That the Board:

- 1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to initiate the process for the possible acquisition of real property, consisting of five (5) parcels totaling approximately 1,583,569 square feet or 36.37 acres, located in the Montecito Heights area of East Los Angeles for the preservation of open space and the development of a passive use park, as described in the Summary of this Report;
- 2. Authorize staff to coordinate acquisition activities with the Department of General Services (GSD), and other Departments as necessary, and to obtain the necessary environmental clearances and funding approvals to expedite the purchase of said property; and,
- 3. Upon the completion of the preliminary acquisition activities, direct staff to return to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) with escrow instructions and related documents for the Board's final approval to acquire the property, contingent on the following conditions:
  - A. Funding will have been made available for the acquisition of the property through Proposition A LA County funds and/or other funding source yet unidentified;
  - B. Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation will have been completed;
  - C. All environmental assessments, Phase I, and Phase II if needed, will have been completed and satisfied prior to close of escrow;

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- D. Class "A" Appraisal will have been prepared and approved by GSD; and,
- E. The GSD will have negotiated a purchase price that is consistent with their professional opinion of market value.

### SUMMARY:

RAP, with the support from the Councilmember for the 1st District, is considering the acquisition of the five (5) parcels identified by the following Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN): 5206-017-003, 5207-027-004, 5207-028-005, 5207-028-006, and 5207-028-008 located in the Montecito Heights area of East Los Angeles (Exhibit A1-8). The parcels are immediately adjacent to RAP's Mount Olympus Park. All five (5) parcels together measure approximately 1,583,569 square feet or 36.37 acres. The property is vacant and consists of hillside land and prominent views. The property features both walking trails and high value habitat. RAP is interested in acquiring the property for the development of a passive use park and the preservation of open space in the area. GSD, Asset Management Division, will provide a Class "A" appraisal of estimate of value for the property.

As currently envisioned, North East Trees (NET), a RAP partner in other endeavors, will acquire the property using Proposition A funds available to them. NET will then transfer the property to the City of Los Angeles (City), and enter into an operations and maintenance agreement with RAP to provide maintenance and operations responsibilities. Upon completion of necessary due diligence work and the drafting of an agreement with NET, RAP staff will present the proposed acquisition and agreement to the Board for consideration and final approval.

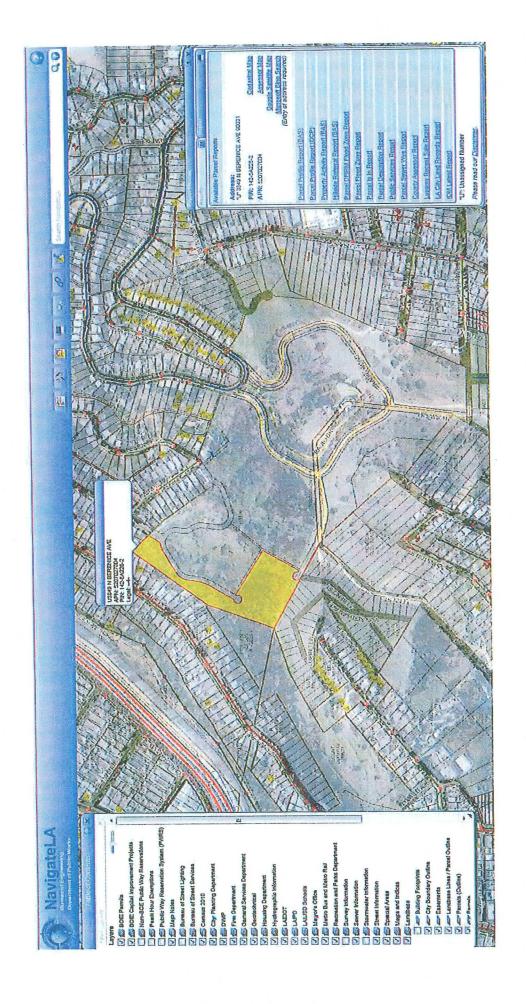
The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment are currently being completed. Both the CEQA documentation and the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment will be completed and made available for review prior to making a determination on the possibility of acquiring this property.

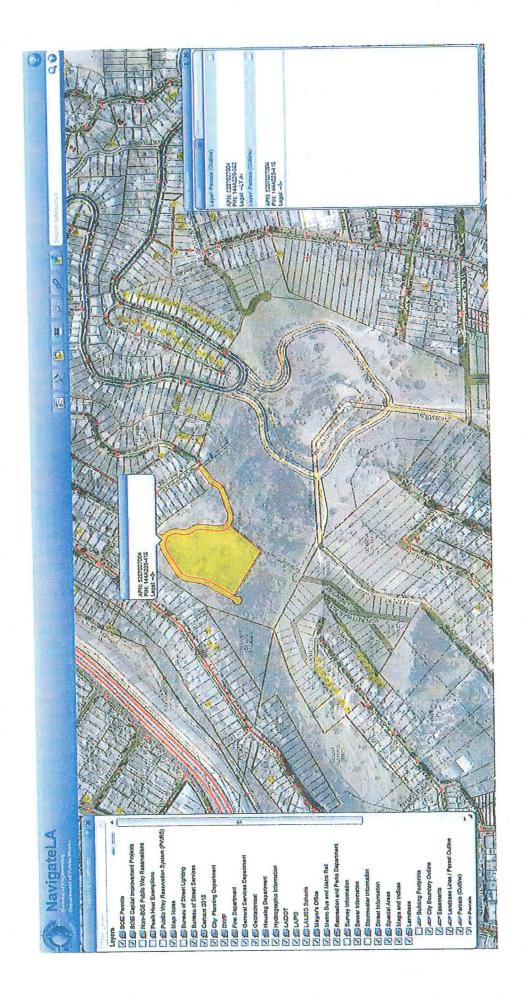
This project has the support from Council District 1. In addition, the Assistant General Manager of Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch has been consulted and concurs with staff's recommendations.

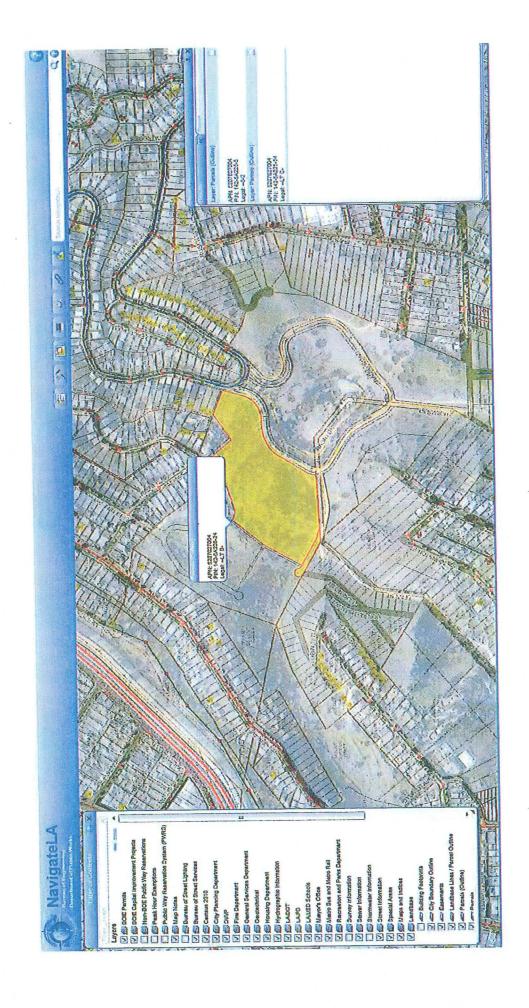
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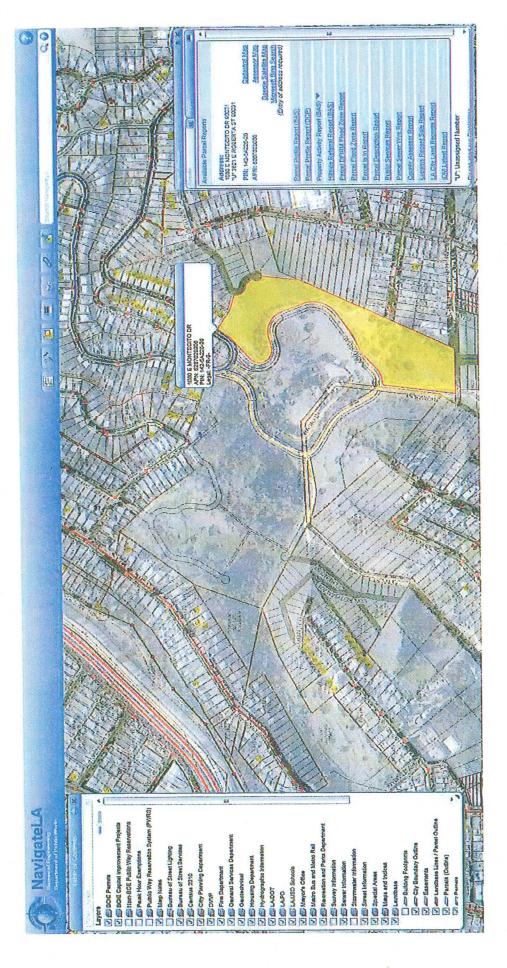
There is no fiscal impact to RAP' General Fund with the approval of the preliminary authorization to proceed with the acquisition of the property.

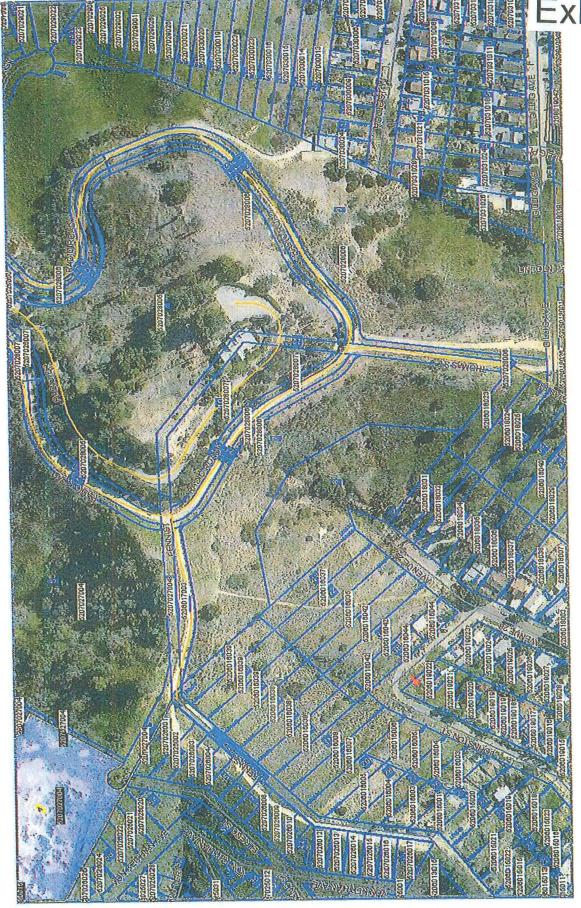
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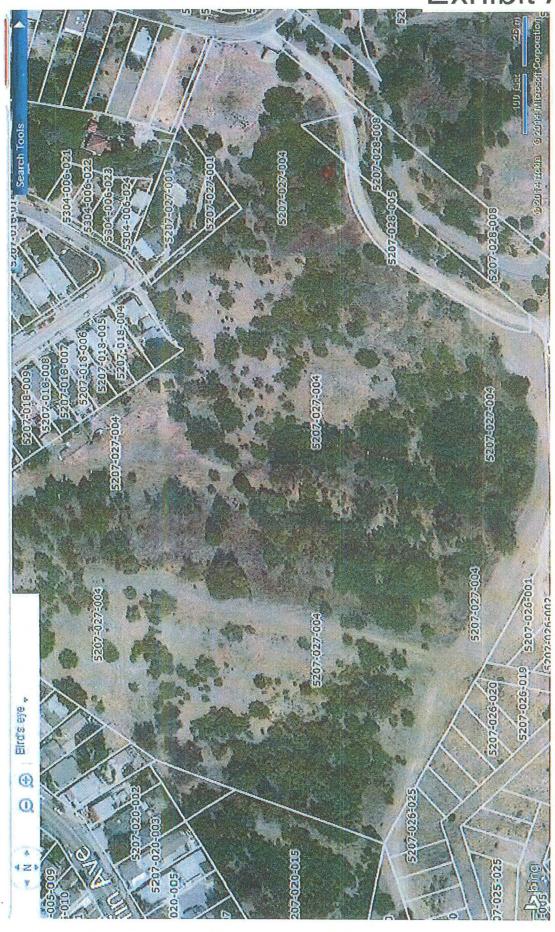


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