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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: October 19, 2004

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR SPECIFIED OAKLAND PARKS PROJECTS AND AMOUNTS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 40 (*CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE PARKS AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002*) URBAN PARKS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

A resolution was prepared for the September 14, 2004, Life Enrichment Committee meeting to authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the State of California Proposition 40 Urban Parks and Healthy Communities grant program for the East Oakland Sports Complex for \$1 million and for Greenman Field (Bambino Field) for \$600,000. The Committee reviewed the list of eligible projects (Attachment "A" of the September 14, 2004, staff report) and discussed the merits of several other projects on the list, including Lincoln Square Park and Coliseum Gardens Park. No action was taken at that meeting due to lack of a quorum. The Rules and Legislation Committee rescheduled the item to the Life Enrichment Committee agenda of September 28, 2004.

At the September 28, 2004, Life Enrichment Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the merits of the projects on Attachment "A" and the criteria used for ranking the projects with respect to the State grant guidelines. Lincoln Square Park and Coliseum Gardens Park were again discussed. Representatives of East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, the Oakland Housing Authority, and the project architect spoke in favor of Coliseum Gardens Park.

After discussion, the Committee approved amending the Resolution to remove the East Oakland Sports Complex project and replace it with Lincoln Square Park, with Councilmember Wan agreeing to provide the \$125,000 requirement of matching funds for the grant from his Paygo funds.

Subsequently, at the October 7, 2004, Rules Committee meeting, the Committee directed staff to add a resolution authorizing an application for the Coliseum Gardens Park (\$1 million) project for consideration by the City Council on October 19, 2004, in conjunction with the resolutions reporting out from the September 28, 2004, Life Enrichment Committee for Greenman Field (\$600,000) and Lincoln Square Park (\$375,000).

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As a result of these actions, three resolutions have been prepared for City Council action to authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for: 1) Greenman Field for \$600,000; 2) Lincoln Square Park for \$375,000; and 3) Coliseum Gardens Park for \$1,000,000.

Staff requests that Council take action to approve one or more of these resolutions. Due to the November 5, 2004, grant deadline, there is urgency for action to be taken at the October 19, 2004, Council meeting because it is the last scheduled Council meeting before the deadline.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Greenman Field (Bambino Field) Greenman Field is located at 1390 66th Avenue, adjacent to Havenscourt Middle School and Lockwood Elementary School. The 6.8 acre site consists of four baseball fields, a restroom and snack bar. Oakland Babe Ruth League is the primary user for the fields. There are approximately 960 youth participating in sports on the fields, ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old. A wide range of park improvements has been identified, including a sound wall between the park and private back yards along Lucille Street, a picnic area, children's play equipment, game tables, barbeque pits, improved landscaping, walking paths, a new bathroom, and ballfield irrigation and drainage improvements. Work on these improvements is currently in design. The City has currently allocated funding totaling \$1,650,000 from State Parks Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 block grants, Measure K bond funds, and District Paygo funds for these improvements.

The proposed project for this new grant opportunity will focus on the remodeling of the Bambino baseball field. This will be the last step in completely rebuilding Greenman field. The existing project funds will be used as matching funds for the grant. The project fulfills the main requirements of being located in an area that has a high unmet demand for youth facilities and provides active recreational uses that will substantially address the need. This athletic field complex is the most heavily used park in Central East Oakland. The neighborhood is lacking in open space and recreational areas for youth and there is a strong demand for this type of sports facility. The project meets the requirement of community involvement and the incorporation of the community's ideas into the design. This project will be accessible by the public and will be used as a joint-use facility with the school and neighboring childcare facilities.

Lincoln Square Park. Lincoln Square Park is located near downtown in Chinatown between 10th, 11th and Harrison streets. It currently has a paved asphalt play area, seven half-court basketball courts, a designated tot lot for primary aged children, and a recreation center. Council allocated funds last year for the repair of the play equipment (Chinese Junk Boat) area from a combination of State Proposition 40 and Proposition 12 Per Capita block grant funds in the

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amount of \$500,000. The repair work is currently in the design phase. The funded work is limited to the play area and includes the playground and Junk Boat and resurfacing the play area with rubberized surfacing.

This park is heavily utilized with an average year-round daily attendance of 180 registered participants in activities, plus additional drop-in park users numbering over 1,200 children, youth and families during the school year and over 800 during the summer months. These numbers take into account that there are two public schools (Lincoln Elementary K-5, and Lighthouse Community Charter School K-2, 6-8) located adjacent to Lincoln Square, plus an additional six child development centers within a four block radius. It is centrally located and is the only park in the immediate area that offers various play facilities. The school and community leaders have requested improvements be made to the play area.

The proposed project will help meet the stated needs. The scope of the project will be to replace with grass (or synthetic turf, if feasible) the pavement area that is not part of the basketball courts, including an area that is now used for parking. Currently, the children play on the hard surface, which is uncomfortable and not safe. Converting the play area to grass will help increase the use and sports programming. Youth will be more likely to use a grass field since it is softer and cooler and less likely to create injuries. Sports programming can offer active recreation that needs a soft surface like soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, volleyball, kickball etc. Other organizations needing a practice field could use this facility too. If this area can be revitalized, it will give the kids a special opportunity to play on turf and improve the functionality and aesthetics of the park.

The adjacent school principal spoke at the September 28, 2004, Committee meeting, expressing the need to improve the park due to active use of the site and offered to work with the City to develop youth and children programs that can benefit the school students as well as neighborhood children. The local community non-profit organization, Wah Sung, has been actively supporting improvement for the project and is currently working with the City to provide community input on the renovation of the Chinese Junk Boat. Wah Sung and the community will continue to participate in the development of the Lincoln Square Park project. This project will be accessible by the public and will be used as a joint-use facility with the school and neighboring childcare facilities. With a matching funding commitment from Councilmember Wan's paygo funds, the project would meet the threshold grant requirement for a 25% local match. With support of the school and local community organizations, the project should score well on the grant criteria for including neighbors' ideas in the planning process.

Coliseum Gardens Park. The Coliseum Garden Park is located between 66th and 69th Avenues and Olmsted Street in East Oakland. The project area and its surroundings consist of a creek bank – Lion Creek, low and moderate-income public and homeownership housing, and open-

space parkland and field. The proposed project will incorporate design elements that will combine the elements together in a clean, modern and natural way. The park is being developed by East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, an Oakland nonprofit housing provider, in conjunction with the housing project sponsored by the Oakland Housing Authority. The park replaces the existing City park and will be owned and maintained by the City when completed. The original neighborhood park, created in the 1980s is a major opportunity site that suffered as a result of vandalism and disinvestments. It is one of the largest parks in East Oakland and serves an area with exceptionally high need for recreational improvements. More than 500 units of public housing are located within three blocks of the site.

Council recently approved a separate grant application for \$500,000 to the State Habitat Conservation fund for creek improvements to Lion Creek. Staff submitted this application on October 1, 2004. A decision is not expected before February 2005 as to whether or not the State will approve the creek project for a Habitat Conservation grant.

The scope of the project proposed for the Urban Parks and Healthy Communities grant will reposition and rebuild the open field into a multipurpose ball field, create a tot lot and play area for kids, skate park, picnic areas, game board tables, seating, educational promenade and community gardens. The Oakland Housing Authority is committed to providing at least \$500,000 to replace the elements of the existing City park as part of its housing agreement with the City. The existing park contained a baseball diamond, two basketball courts, asphalt surfaces and a tot lot. Through community input, there is a desire to make the park more community oriented, instead of its current use that is mostly sport activities by sports organizations and non-community users. The replacement park would minimally include two half-court basketball courts, a multi-purpose field that lends itself to a variety of sports and community gathering use rather than only baseball activities, and replacement of the tot lot.

If the proposed grant is awarded, the enhanced project scope would include a play area for kids, skate park, picnic areas, game tables, seating, and promenade and community gardens. These enhancements are the result of meetings held with the local Coliseum Garden residents to determine their needs and desires. This park will offer everyone in the area a place to enjoy athletic facilities for youth and adults, family areas and seating.

This project will help to address the unmet needs of the community for fields for youth to play. Since this field will be multipurpose, a variety of ballfield-type sports can be played here, such as, soccer, football, field hockey and softball. The project meets the grant requirement to include community in the process and include their ideas and needs as demonstrated by the community outreach effort thus far. The project also demonstrates the ability to provide matching funds through existing project funding.

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ACTIONS REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council approve one or more of the above-mentioned resolutions to authorize the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds for the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for one or more of the following projects: 1) Greenman Field for \$600,000; 2) Lincoln Square Park for \$375,000; or Coliseum Gardens Park for \$1,000,000.

Respectfully submitted,



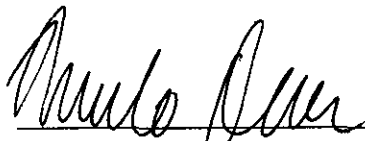
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Director, Public Works Agency

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Project Delivery

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED
TO THE CITY COUNCIL:



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**2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT
STATE URBAN PARKS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATE URBAN PARKS AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR GREENMAN FIELD FOR \$600,000

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible Applicants; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program and the grant Project shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for Greenman Field for six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
4. Certifies that the Grantee has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project, the required Match;

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5. Certifies that the Project conforms to the recreation element of any applicable city or county general plan; and
6. Appoints the City Administrator, or her authorized representative, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project provided that such agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney and shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the Application is approved, the City Administrator is authorized to accept and appropriate funds consistent with the projects and funding levels above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, CHANG, BROOKS, NADEL, REID, WAN, QUAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible Applicants; and

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RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for Lincoln Square Park for three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000); and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

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4. Certifies that the Grantee has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project, the required Match (the\$125,000 match for Lincoln Square Park to be provided from District 2 Pay-go funds if not obtained from the Raider Surcharge Fund);
5. Certifies that the Project conforms to the recreation element of any applicable city or county general plan; and
6. Appoints the City Administrator, or her authorized representative, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project provided that such agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney and shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.; and be it

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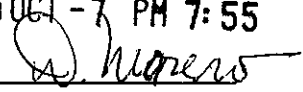
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RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 for **Coliseum Gardens Park for one million dollars (\$1,000,000)**; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
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