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TO:

Office of the City Administrator

ATTN:

Dan Lindheim

FROM:

Community and Economic Development Agency

DATE:

November 12, 2008

RE:

An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Three Landlocked Parcels Behind Leimert Boulevard and Adjacent To Dimond Park (APN 029A-1353-011-2; 029A-1353-013-2 and APN 029A-1354-001-1) From The Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector For A Total Price Not To Exceed \$ 27,000 Plus Interest

SUMMARY

Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA) staff is requesting that the City of Oakland authorize a Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City and the County of Alameda's Tax Collector's Office to purchase up to three properties from the County through a Chapter Eight (8) Sale. The three properties are landlocked parcels located behind Leimert Boulevard adjacent to Dimond Park, identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers 29A-1353-011-2, 029A-1353-013-2 and 029A-1354-001-1 (as identified in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C") in the Ordinance.

The parcels are available from the Alameda County Tax Collector for back taxes and accrued interest owed on the taxes, and will not exceed \$27,000 plus interest.

FISCAL IMPACT

. APN	Area	Minimum Bid	Interest Charges	Environmental Review
	Leimert Blvd	\$12,406.25	TBD	Phase I in process
029A-1353-11-2	Dimond Park			
	Leimert Blvd	\$6,405.58	TBD	Phase I in process
029A-1353-13 - 2	Dimond Park			•
····	Leimert Blvd	\$5,432.31	TBD	Phase I in process
029A-1354-1-1	Dimond Park			,
Subtotal	,	\$24,244.14		•

Funding to purchase the property has been set aside in Measure DD 2003A Capital Improvement Fund (5320), Capital Projects Environmental Services Org. (92280), Watershed Acquisition Series A-DD – Creeks and Waterways Project (C244910).

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BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2002, the voters of the City of Oakland passed Measure DD, the Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks. Measure DD provides a total of \$4.5 million for Watershed Acquisitions. The Watershed Improvements Program is administering these funds for acquiring creekside properties of high aesthetic, habitat and/or water quality protections value.

On December 20, 2005, the City Council passed Resolution No. 79649 C.M.S. that adopted the Prioritized Watershed Preservation and Acquisition Project List. The Project List was generated for the identification of top ranked projects to determine and pursue appropriate property preservation strategies. The Project List ranks each project according to criteria previously approved by Council.

The City has submitted objection to Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector for the three parcels under the State of California Office of the Controller Chapter 8 process that allows the sale of tax deeded properties to public agencies. The three parcels located immediately adjacent to Dimond Park, one lot off Leimert Boulevard, are landlocked and the owners of the subject properties have not paid the parcels' property taxes for several years. The Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector has proceeded to dispose of the parcels by a tax sale in order to recover the due taxes. The general objective for the acquisitions is to gain control of the sites in order to add valuable Sausal Creek watershed property to Dimond Park.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Acquisition of this parcel will continue the City of Oakland's commitment to the voter approved Measure DD Watershed Acquisitions objectives.

- ▶ Promote preservation strategies. The purchase of the Property is consistent with City Council Resolution No. 79649 C.M.S. and satisfies the objectives of Measure DD.
- ► Funding is available in the Measure DD 2003A Capital Improvement Fund to cover the cost of acquisition.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Property is located at Dimond Park and contains a portion of Sausal Creek. Acquisition of the property will protect a valuable flood storage area that positively affects the water quality and habitats of the area.

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Purchasing the Property will accomplish the objectives of Measure DD. After the City's purchase, the Property will remain open space and will be available for park use with other adjacent City owned open space park property.

The acquisition is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15316 (Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks) and Section 15325 (Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources). A Notice of Exemption and an Environmental Declaration (California Fish and Game Code Section 711.4) will be filed and recorded in the Recorder's Office, Alameda County.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Purchase of the property is consistent with Measure DD, by protecting open space.

Environmental: The project will protect a tributary of Sausal Creek. Water quality and intact wildlife habitat will be protected. The parcel will contribute to a scenic resource that provides quality of life benefits for local and regional residents.

Social Equity: The Property will protect an open space resource that can be accessed freely by the public.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The land will remain in its natural state. No improvements to the property are contemplated.

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a City Ordinance authorizing the purchase of three landlocked parcels behind Leimert Boulevard, adjacent to Dimond Park, from the County of Alameda for a price not to exceed \$ 27,000 plus interest to promote open space preservation with Measure DD funds.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that the City Council approve the Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dan Lindheim, Director

Community and Economic Development Agency

Reviewed by: Gregory Hunter, Deputy Director,

Economic Development, Community and Redevelopment

Reviewed by: Frank Fanelli Real Estate Services Division

Prepared by: Ava Jourdain Real Estate Agent

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Office of the City Administrator

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

CITY ATTORNEY

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO.	C. M. S.
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE LANDLOCKED PARCELS BEHIND LEIMERT BOULEVARD AND ADJACENT TO DIMOND PARK (APN 029A-1353-011-2; 029A-1353-013-2 AND APN 029A-1354-001-1) FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR FOR A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$ 27,000, PLUS INTEREST

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County has consented to the proposed sealed bid sale of three property tax delinquent parcels adjacent to Dimond Park off Leimert Boulevard (APN 029A-1353-011-2; 029A-1353-013-2 and APN 029A-1354-001-1), which properties are described in Exhibits "A", "B" and "C", attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code authorizes and provides proceedings for the acquisition of said tax delinquent property by the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff have identified these three properties as watershed parcels within Sausal Creek adjacent to Dimond Park; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the public interest that the fee to said parcels be acquired by the City of Oakland for watershed, as part of a City park, for the use and enjoyment of Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks (Measure DD), passed on November 5, 2002, with 80% voter approval, provided \$4.5 million for Watershed Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Measure DD, Series 2003A Bond sale in August 2003 provided \$3 million for Watershed Acquisition, which has already been appropriated and allocated by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to purchase one, two or all three of the referenced parcels, pending the results of the environmental review, title search and other due diligence to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the acquisition of the property is available in the Watershed Improvement Program Watershed Acquisition Project (Fund 5320, Org. 92280, Project Number C244910); and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary of Resources, and the provisions of the Environmental Review Regulations of the City of Oakland have been satisfied; now, therefore

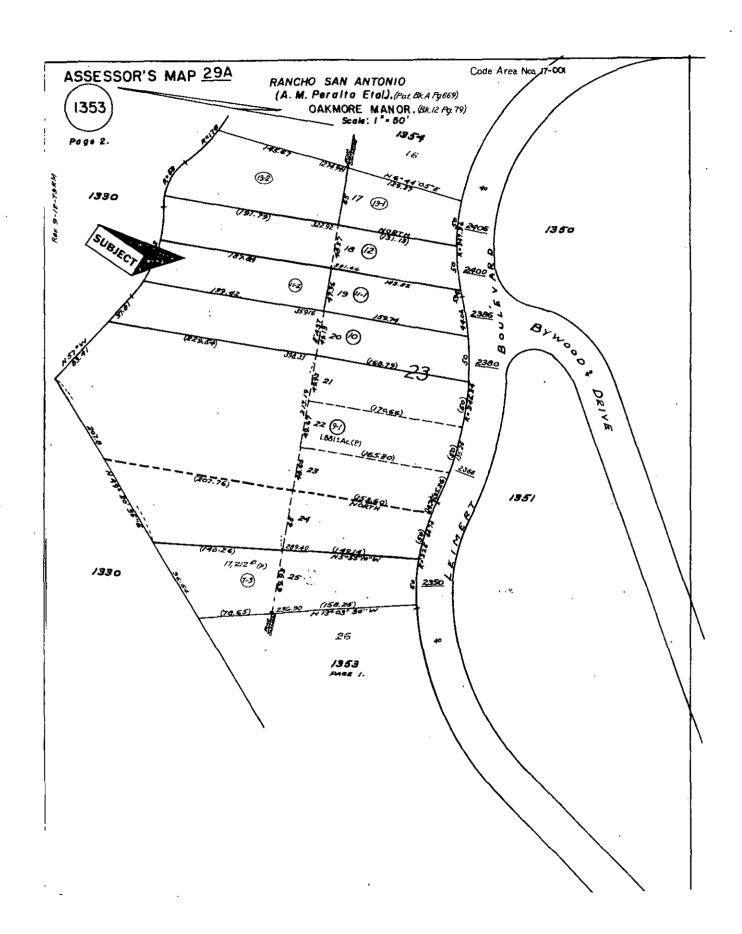
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

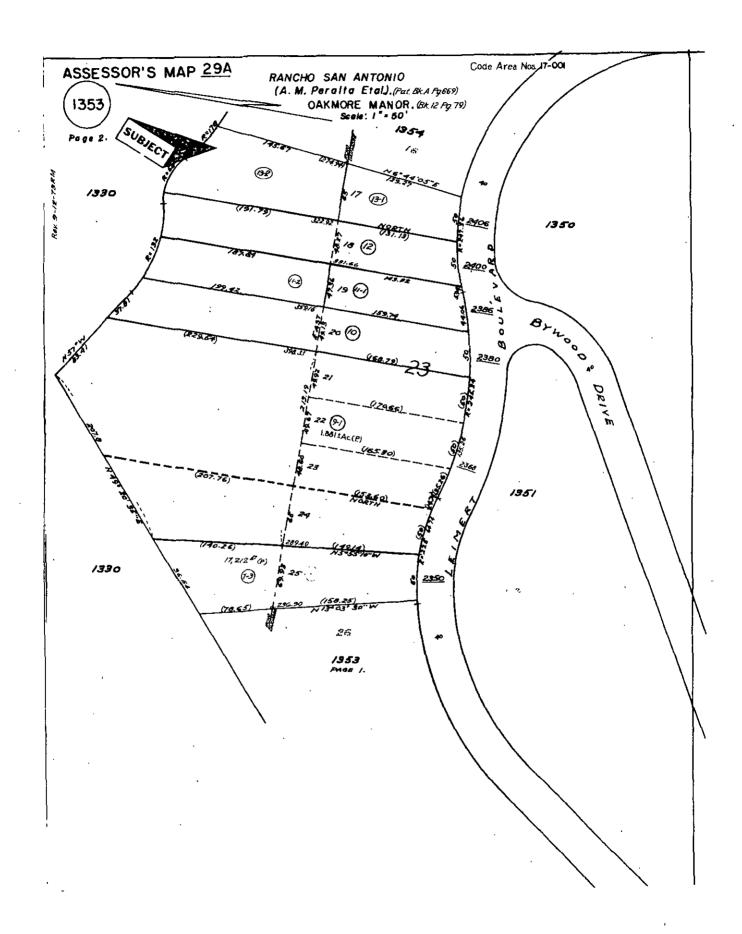
- **Section 1**. The City, acting by and through its governing body, hereby requests that the referenced parcels (APN 029A-1353-011-2; 029A-1353-013-2 and APN 029A-1354-001-1) be withdrawn from public auction.
- Section 2. The funding for the acquisition of the necessary property rights will be drawn from Measure DD 2003A Capital Improvement Fund and is available from Fund 5320, Org. 92280, Acct., Project Number C244910.
- Section 3. The City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of the Leimert Boulevard parcels for a combined purchase price of \$27,000 plus interest.
- Section 4. The City Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement to purchase the Leimert Boulevard parcels, and to take any other action with respect to this property acquisition that is consistent with this Ordinance and its basic purpose.
- Section 5. That the City Council has independently reviewed and considered this environmental determination, and the Council finds and determines that this action complies with CEQA because this action on the part of the City is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15316 (transfer of ownership of land in order to create parks) and Section 15325 (transfer of ownership of interest in land to preserve existing natural conditions and historical resources) of the CEQA guidelines, and Council directs the City Administrator to file a Notice of Exemption and an Environmental Declaration (CA Fish and Games Code Sec. 711.4) with the County of Alameda.
- **Section 6.** In accordance with the requirements of City Charter Article IV, the purchase agreement shall be approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney's Office prior to execution and a copy shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

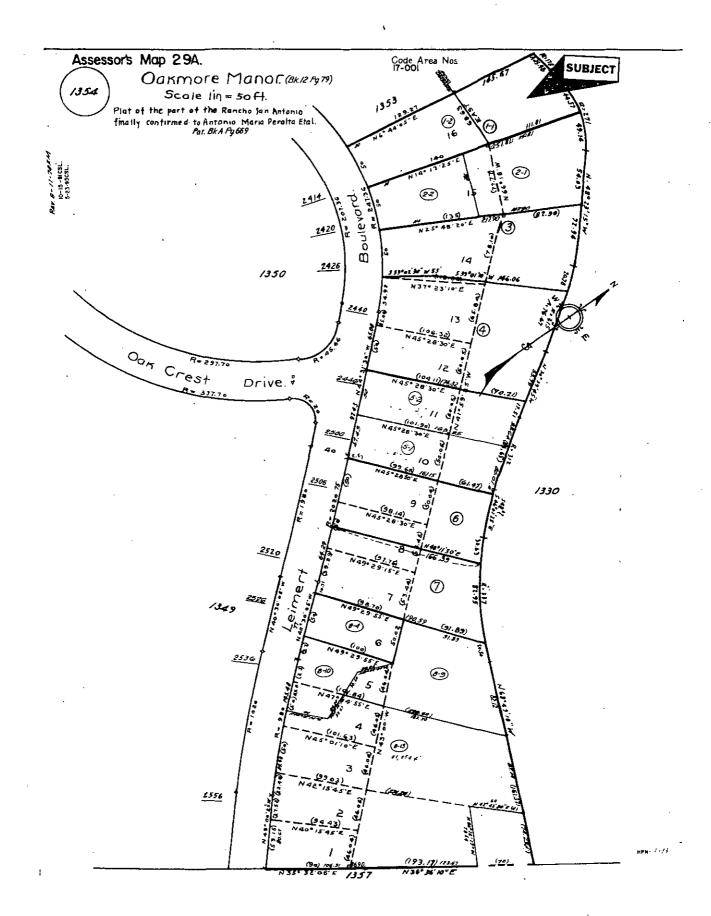
IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,, 2008	•
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, REID, QUAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE	
NOES-	
ABSENT-	
ABSTENTION-	
ATTEST: LA TONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California	_
DATE OF ATTESTATION:	

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall become effective upon the seventh day

after final adoption.









NOTICE AND DIGEST

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This Ordinance authorizes the City Administrator to purchase from the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector, up to three properties located behind Leimert Boulevard adjacent to Dimond Park.