

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council
Regular Meeting of September 13, 2016

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: MEASURE 'A'

Recommended Action:

This is merely an informational update. No City Council action is requested on this item at this time.

Measure 'A'

On August 23, 2016, the City Council was presented with a parks funding update on Measure A. Today's informational update serves as a follow-up/clarification to this item as the August report inaccurately referenced Proposition 'P' – the earlier version of this measure which failed in 2014.

In March 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to initiate the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, which Hermosa Beach was a participant in. This was an unprecedented study to document existing parks and recreation facilities in cities and unincorporated communities throughout the county with a goal to use this data to determine the scope, scale, and location of parks needs in Los Angeles County. These resulted in the creation of Measure A, the Safe Clean Neighborhood Parks Initiative, which is on the November 2016 ballot.

Recently, Proposition A expired in 2015 which has funded nearly 2,000 park, recreation, and open space projects for several years. Recognizing the importance of parks and recreation in communities across the County, the Board of Supervisors voted to place the LA County Parks Measure on the upcoming November ballot, which will provide funding for parks and open spaces to:

- Protect clean water resources, including rivers and creeks;
- Reduce gang activity and provide safe places to play;
- Ensure drinking water is safe at park and recreation centers;
- Remove asbestos, mold and lead paint from aging recreation centers;
- Protect and preserve parks and natural areas;
- Keep beaches open, clean and safe; and
- Support funding for high need areas.

If approved by the voters, the Special Tax shall be levied on all improved parcels at a rate of 1.5 cents per square foot of structural improvements. Included is the Expenditure Plan detailing grant opportunities and how the funding will be allocated.

Funding Category			\$ 0.03/sq foot dev		\$ 0.015/sq foot dev	
			Annually	35 Years	Annually	35 Years
<i>Grant Category 1</i>	Community Based Park Investment Program: Funds Returned to Study Areas/Cities through direct grant programs with delegated authority to the Director	35.00%	\$ 64,957,628	\$ 2,273,516,994	\$ 32,478,814	\$ 1,136,758,498
<i>Grant Category 2</i>	Safe Parks, Healthy Communities, Urban Greening Program: Funds to projects in High and Very High Need Study Areas through grant programs	13.00%	\$ 24,127,119	\$ 844,449,169	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
<i>M&S</i>	Local Agency Maintenance and Servicing Funds: Funds directly to Cities, County Dept., local Agencies & Non-profits, through an administrative process from the District	15.00%	\$ 27,838,984	\$ 974,364,426	\$ 13,919,492	\$ 487,182,213
<i>Grant Category 3</i>	Protecting Open Spaces, Beaches, Watersheds Program: Funds to all eligible entities through competitive grant programs	13.00%	\$ 24,127,119	\$ 844,449,169	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
<i>Grant Category 4</i>	Regional Recreational Facilities, Trail & Accessibility Program: Funds to all eligible entities through competitive grant programs	13.00%	\$ 24,127,119	\$ 844,449,169	\$ 12,063,560	\$ 422,224,585
<i>Grant Category 5</i>	Youth and Veteran Job Training & Placement Opportunities Program: Funds to all eligible entities through competitive grant programs	3.80%	\$ 7,052,543	\$ 246,838,988	\$ 3,526,271	\$ 123,419,494
<i>Program Innovation and Oversight</i>	Strategic Planning, Technical Assistance, Needs Assessment Updates, Innovative Electronic Technologies, Operations of the District: Funds distributed with delegated authority to the Director.	7.20%	\$ 13,362,712	\$ 467,694,924	\$ 6,681,356	\$ 233,847,462
			100.00%	\$ 185,593,224	\$ 6,495,762,846	\$ 92,796,612
				\$ 3,247,881,423		