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City Council
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT A GRANT PROPOSAL UNDER THE US SOCCER FOUNDATION PROGRAM FOR FIELD LIGHTING AT ONE OF THE EXISTING SOCCER FIELDS AT GRANITE REGIONAL PARK

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Granite Regional Park, Council District 6

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 5), support a US Soccer Foundation grant proposal for lighting at one of the existing soccer fields at Granite Regional Park.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: November 18, 2003

SUMMARY:

The United States Soccer Federation offers the US Soccer Foundation Grant Program, a competitive grant program. Earnings from a permanent endowment fund are the source for grants made by the Foundation, established to fund innovative and creative programs/projects to enhance, assist and grow the sport of soccer in the areas of:

- Ethnic, minority, and economically disadvantaged players;
- Player and coaching development;
- Referee development, and
- Field Development.

The grant application deadline is December 1, 2003.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) supported staff's recommendation for Parks and Recreation at their November 6, 2003 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Established in 1993 to receive profits from the 1994 World Cup, the US Soccer Foundation officially opened its doors in 1995 with an endowment of almost \$50 million. Since then, with the publicity and enthusiasm for the sport, participation levels of men, women, and children have increased significantly and the Foundation's ability to fund programs and projects across the country has also increased. With its diverse endeavors spanning all levels of the game, the Foundation has evolved from strictly a granting organization to a proactive leader in the soccer community with programs enjoying a nationwide scope.

The United States Soccer Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation in its ninth year of awarding grants for soccer projects to worthy soccer organizations, civic groups, municipalities and governing bodies, having awarded approximately \$17.0 million in grants to more than 265 grantees nationwide (average grant \$64,150). Supporting one of the priorities of the U.S. Soccer Foundation is, "the construction of fields and soccer specific infrastructure" under the platform of Field Development.

Staff evaluated a number of projects from both the existing Capital Improvement Program, the Council adopted 2002 Parks and Recreation Programming Guide (PRPG) and the Draft 2004 PRPG. Staff recommends that a proposal be prepared to add field lighting at one of the existing soccer fields at Granite Regional Park. The project is an "opportunity project" in that it meets all of the criteria of this grant program well under the "Field Development" category of this program and will be competitive in that:

- The soccer fields are high use,
- Numerous soccer leagues and teams use fields,
- The project will impact a large number of players, both youth and adult, and
- The proposed project is one of the grantor's identified priorities for funding.

Staff will encourage the current users of Granite Regional Park to participate in the grant proposal including: the Sacramento United Soccer Club, the Sacramento Youth Soccer League, the Sacramento Women's Soccer League and Liga De Futbol.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The City of Sacramento will be requesting a total of \$100,000 from the US Soccer Foundation. The total cost for lighting one of existing soccer fields at Granite Regional Park for championship play is estimated at \$246,050. On October 9, 2003, the City Council approved a funding allocation of \$400,000 from the Proposition 12 Per Capita Fund CIP (PN: LZ01) for the Granite Regional Park

Phase IIA project. Of that \$400,000 allocation, \$253,000 was appropriated to the Granite Regional Park Field Rehabilitation Project CIP (PN: LV92). The fund balance of \$147,000 (Fund 512) will be used to fund the difference in the grant project, if funded.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This grant program does not require that any environmental documentation be prepared at the time of application. Staff will, however, work to complete all documentation for this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Staff's recommendation is consistent with the City Council approved policy to make the soccer fields at Granite Regional Park "tournament standard." It is also consistent with the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation's recommendation that the Proposition 12 Fund allocation for Granite Regional Park Phase IIA be used to make the soccer fields at Granite Regional Park "first quality."

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



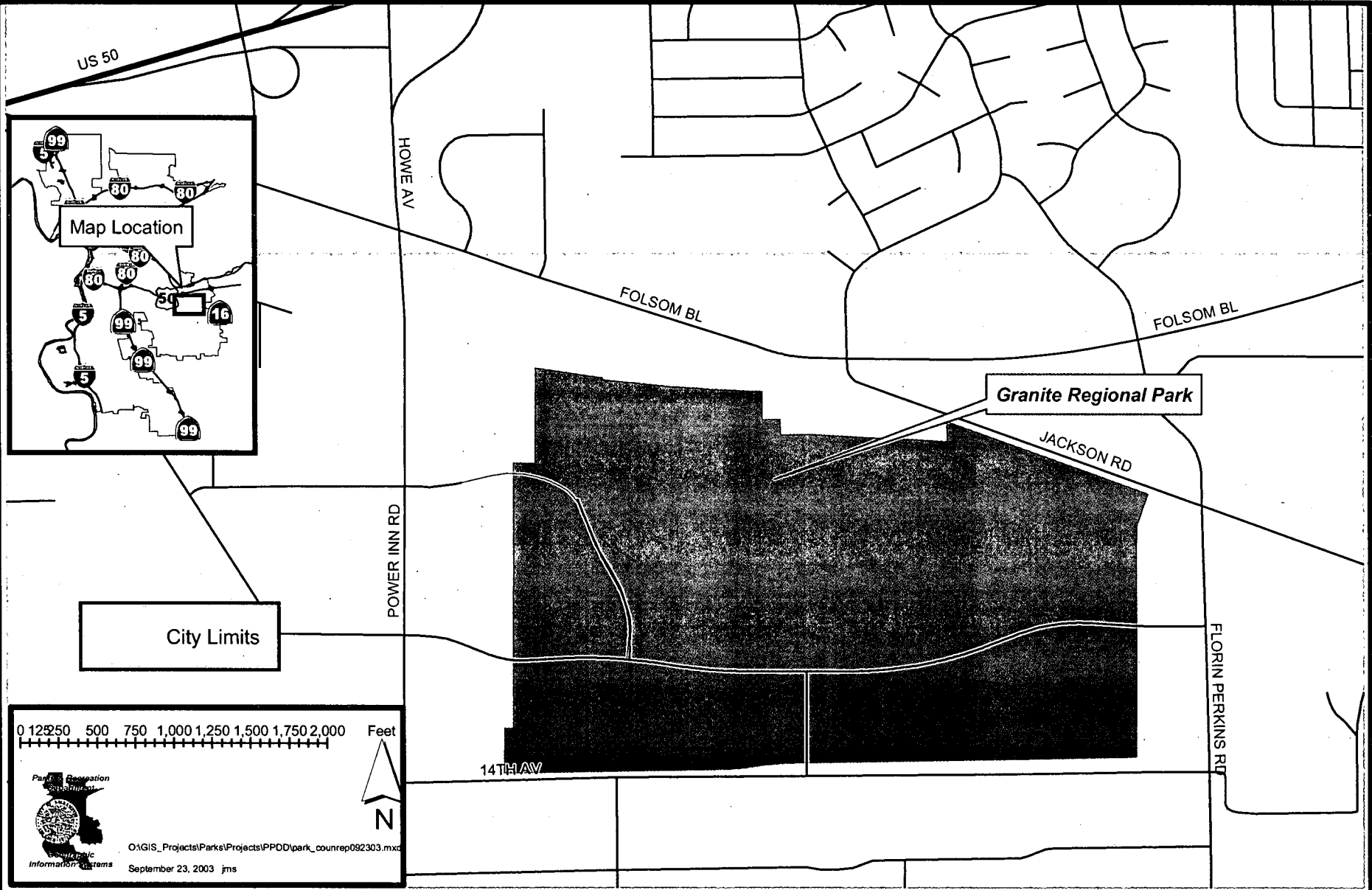
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City Manager

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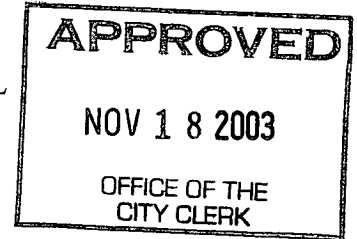


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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-797
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON THE DATE OF _____



RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A GRANT PROPOSAL UNDER THE US SOCCER FOUNDATION PROGRAM FOR FIELD LIGHTING AT ONE OF THE EXISTING SOCCER FIELDS AT GRANITE REGIONAL PARK

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

The City Council hereby:

1. Supports the preparation of a grant proposal under the US Soccer Foundation Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000 for field lighting at one of the existing soccer fields at Granite Regional Park.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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