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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting State Bond Efforts for Park Funding.

LOCATION: Statewide

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution supporting State bond efforts for park funding.

CONTACT PERSON: Victor L. Edmisten, Parks Manager, 264-5336

FOR MEETING OF: June 15, 1999

SUMMARY:

Sacramento has not been the recipient of a voter approved park bond act since 1988. Currently there exists strong indication that State efforts will succeed in placing a park bond measure on the ballot in the year 2000. At least five park bond bills have been submitted during this legislative session (AB 18, SB 2, SB 57, SB 74 and SB 90), each providing a broad-range of funding for acquisition, facility maintenance, capital improvements and programs. The climate appears favorable for the park bond to be approved and placed on the November 2000 ballot if broad-based support is provided from the general populace.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: The Chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation, on behalf of the entire board, wholeheartedly endorses efforts to secure funding for park facilities and recreational programs for the City of Sacramento.

BACKGROUND:

The Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) property tax shift of 1992-93 contributed significantly to the City park division's inability to maintain existing park facilities, as have City additional non-funded State and Federal mandates. The need for an infusion of state funds into capital improvements for existing parks and for the acquisition of new open space in and around our urban areas has never been greater.

State, county, city and special district park resources are critical elements in Sacramento's quality of life: improving air and water quality, providing for sustainable transportation alternatives, reducing health care costs by encouraging exercise, providing healthy and safe recreational alternatives for youth, and a proverbial web of countless other community benefits. In order for parks to fully contribute and serve our growing and diverse populations, parks must receive adequate financial support.

Historically, park bonds have served as the foundation for park acquisitions and improvements. The climate appears favorable for the restoration of these critical funding programs, but only if broad-based public support is provided. A resolution urging support of a State park bond would greatly aid these efforts.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

It is difficult to predict the fiscal impact of any successful park bond, however, it is safe to say that the City of Sacramento would clearly realize important benefits in terms of acquisition, infrastructure repair, capital improvements, habitat restoration, and program funding – all areas of vital need to the community's continued well-being. It is possible that a portion of the bond funding would require matching funds, and given the current fiscal climate facing all parks, it is anticipated that at least some of the funding programs would continue to allow staff, volunteer and in-kind contributions in lieu of a cash match.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

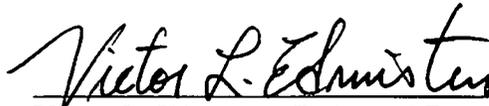
This action is consistent with the City's priority of Neighborhood Revitalization and Enhancement, Public Safety and providing Positive Youth Alternatives.

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ESBD EFFORTS:

The Department is not purchasing materials or contracting for services, and therefore this section does not apply.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor L. Edmisten, Parks and Recreation Manager



Gary Little, Director, Area 2

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



Robert P. Thomas
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-300

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING STATE BONDS FOR PARK FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento with assistance from a broad-range of citizen support acquired, improved and maintained a vast array of park and recreation resources for the benefit of present and future generations of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County's State, County, City and Special District park facilities and programs are critical elements in the community's quality of life, drawing business interests and tourists, improving air and water quality, providing resources for flood management, reducing health care costs by encouraging exercise, providing sustainable transportation alternatives, serving nature and history education, providing healthy alternatives to juvenile crime, making available quiet respites from the stress of everyday life, and a web of other community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is currently considering five bills that would provide for a broad range of park funds for acquisition, infrastructure maintenance, capital improvements, and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY COUNCIL hereby supports State Legislative efforts to place on the November 2000 ballot a major state and local park bond.

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