

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 OVERVIEW

This Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed Bellevue Recreation Center Outdoor Improvements (proposed Project). The proposed Project would provide improvements to existing outdoor recreational facilities of Bellevue Recreation Center. The project site is located in the Echo Park community of the City of Los Angeles.

The proposed Project is a Proposition K project. Proposition K (the Los Angeles for Kids Program) is a measure that created an assessment district that allows the City to collect funding for 30 years from property owners to fund recreational opportunities for children. The proposed Project was first proposed as part of the 2002–2003 Proposition K Assessment, initiated by the Los Angeles for Kids Steering Committee. The City Council approved the proposed Project in the 2003–2004 Proposition K Assessment.

1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to Section 15070 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for consideration by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The purpose of this MND is to inform the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the general public of the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project.

Consistent with the requirements of CEQA, this MND reviews the relationship of the proposed Project to a series of topics and concerns that address all major areas of the physical environment. This review involves a determination of the level of significance of each potential impact for each environmental topic identified in the CEQA Environmental Checklist, and describes mitigation measures that significantly reduce, avoid, or eliminate all significant environmental impacts identified.

1.3 AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is the Lead Agency in accordance with Section 15367 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which defines the Lead Agency as the “public agency that has the principal responsibility for carrying out and approving the project.”

1.4 PROJECT APPLICANT

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