

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

April 17, 2001

THROUGH: Legislative Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Support Assembly Bill 1481 (Frommer), *Urban Park, Recreation, and Youth Service Fund*.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Support Assembly Bill 1481 (Frommer), *Urban Park, Recreation, and Youth Service Fund*; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the appropriate authorities stating Pasadena's position

BACKGROUND

Existing law requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide various assistance grants to cities, counties, and districts for the acquisition, development, and restoration of parklands in the state.

California voters recently passed a \$2.1 billion parks bond that provided \$100 million for acquiring and constructing urban parks (under the Murray/Hayden category.) This bill provides an additional \$100 million in grant funds for the acquisition, improvement, and operation of urban parks and youth service centers.

On February 23, 2001, Assembly Member Frommer introduced Assembly Bill 1481 (Frommer), *Urban Park, Recreation, and Youth Service Fund* which would:

- 1) Create the Urban Park, Recreation, and Youth Service Fund in the State Treasury;
- 2) Provide for expenditures from the Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature for:
 - a) Grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations for urban parks, park facilities, and environmental youth service centers in neighborhoods that are identified as having a shortage of quality park facilities and youth services;
 - b) Grants for transportation and operating costs for programs that provide children with access to open space and natural areas and outdoor learning opportunities in

neighborhoods that are identified as having a shortage of quality park facilities and youth services; and

- 3) Appropriates \$100 million from the General Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation to be deposited in the Urban Park, Recreation, and Youth Service Fund.

On April 3, 2001, this bill passed the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

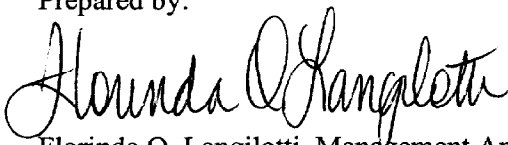
This bill earmarks \$100 million in grant funds for the acquisition, improvement, and operation of urban parks and youth service centers. The City has identified \$22.3 million in unfunded projects as part of the Capital Improvement Program budget. As a result of a limited revenue base, the City has been unable to provide funding for these projects. With the funds made available through the parks bond recently passed, as well as this funding, the City could make great strides in improving and operating parks within the City.

Respectfully submitted,



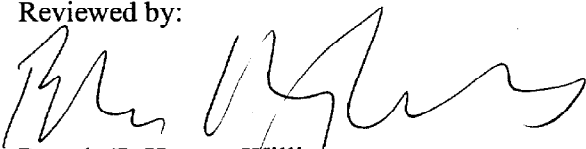
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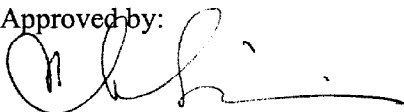
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