



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
July 15, 2008

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Grant Agreement for Tot Lot at Valley Hi Community Park

**Location/Council District:** Valley Hi Community Park, 8185 Center Parkway, District 7

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** 1) accepting an Improve Nutrition Tot Lot grant from the First 5 Sacramento Commission in the amount of \$50,000 into CIP Reimbursable Fund 3702; 2) establishing a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Valley Hi Park Improvements CIP L19171000 for the development of a tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park; 3) appropriating \$50,000 from CIP Reimbursable Fund 3702 to CIP L19171000; and 4) authorizing the City Manager or designated appointee to execute all agreements, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form, necessary to accept the grant when received.

**Contact:** Lori Harder, Parks and Recreation Services Support Manager, 808-5172  
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**Presenters:** N/A

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Division:** Administration

**Organization No:** 4511

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** Staff was successful in obtaining a First 5 Sacramento Commission Improve Nutrition Tot Lot competitive grant for \$50,000 for the development of a tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park.

**Policy Considerations:** This project is consistent with and supports the City's Strategic Goals to improve and expand public safety and achieve sustainability and livability. In addition, staff's recommendation is consistent with the policies in the City Council adopted 2005-2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan including:

6.6 Actively pursue grants, donations and scholarships from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

**Environmental Considerations:** Establishing a Capital Improvement Program

(CIP) for development of a tot lot is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378(b)(4) because it merely creates a government funding mechanism and does not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The City will comply with the requirements of CEQA prior to committing to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.


**Commission/Committee Action:** N/A

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The proposed project will develop a new tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park where none currently exists.

**Financial Considerations:** Staff was successful in securing grant funds from the First 5 Sacramento Commission in the amount of \$50,000. The grant award will be used to establish a new Capital Improvement Program project, Valley Hi Park Improvements CIP L19171000 to help fund the development of the tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park. Staff will return to Council later to award a construction contract for the tot lot.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Selection of any contractors to carry out the tasks prescribed in the project will follow city-established guidelines for inclusion of emerging small business development firms.

Respectfully Submitted by:



JAMES L. COMBS  
Director, Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

*for*   
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1**

**Background Information**

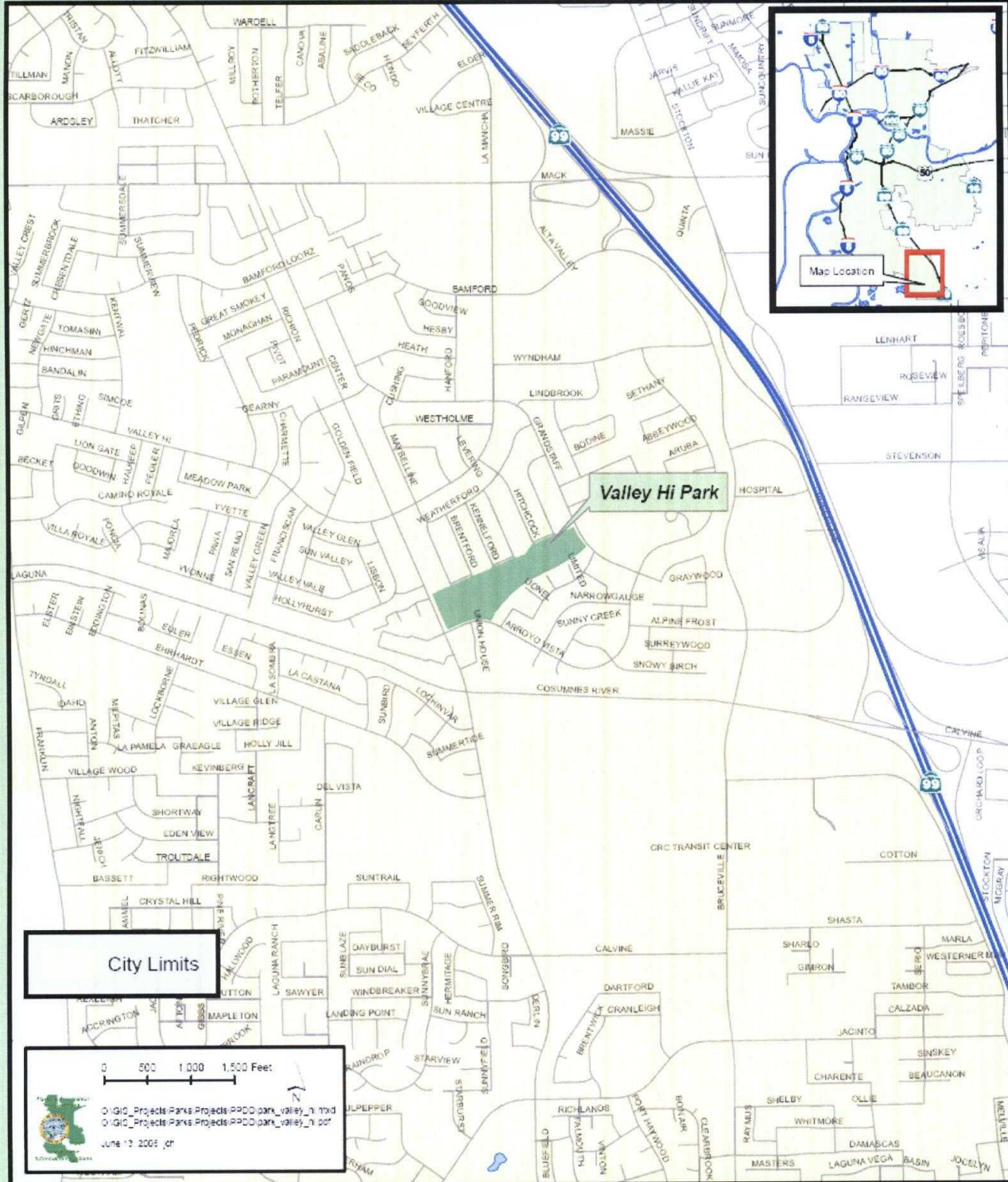
The First 5 Sacramento Commission works to improve the lives of the county's youngest children and their families through an effective, coordinated, and inclusive implementation of the California Children and Families Act also known as Proposition 10, which was enacted in 1998. The ultimate goal is to enhance the health and early growth experiences of children, enabling them to be more successful in school and to give them a better opportunity to succeed in life (2008, First 5 Sacramento). As detailed in the First 5 Sacramento Commission-approved Implementation/Operational Plan Framework, the Commission's goal of improving nutrition will be achieved by several strategies including building/renovating playgrounds to be accessible to children zero to five years of age.

The Department of Parks and Recreation was successful in obtaining an Improve Nutrition grant for \$50,000 to design and install a tot lot with age-appropriate equipment for youth ages 0-5 in Valley Hi Community Park, located in South Sacramento at 8185 Center Parkway. Utilizing best and promising practices, as illustrated in both the First 5 Sacramento Commission Implementation/Operational Plan Framework and the DPR Master Plan, short and long term goals of this project include "creating communities where . . . infants and toddlers can safely explore and be active, prevent [ing] needless disability and early death-trends that are now projected for our youngest Californians." (California WIC Association, 2006). The tot lot will be built and open to the public by summer 2009.

As part of a larger park renovation project at Valley Hi Park, this grant will enable the DPR to leverage the First 5 grant of \$50,000 with available city funds of \$500,000 to design and install a much-needed new tot lot next to the future master-planned adventure play area designed for older children. The total design and construction budget for this project is \$550,000; this includes a new restroom building, basketball courts, and 30-space parking lot.



# City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation Valley Hi Park



**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**DEVELOPMENT OF A TOT LOT AT VALLEY HI COMMUNITY PARK**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. As detailed in the First 5 Sacramento Commission-approved Implementation/Operational Plan Framework, the Commission's goal of improving nutrition will be achieved by several strategies including building/renovating playgrounds to be accessible to children zero to five.
- B. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) was successful in obtaining a First 5 Sacramento Commission, Improve Nutrition Tot Lot competitive grant for \$50,000 for the development of a tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park located in South Sacramento at 8185 Center Parkway.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. An Improve Nutrition Tot Lot grant from First 5 Sacramento Commission in the amount of \$50,000 is accepted into CIP Reimbursable Fund 3702;
- Section 2. A Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Valley Hi Park Improvements CIP L19171000 for the development of a tot lot at Valley Hi Community Park is established;
- Section 3. \$50,000 from CIP Reimbursable Fund 3702 is appropriated to CIP L19171000;
- Section 4. The City Manager or designated appointee is authorized to execute all agreements, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, necessary to accept the grant when received.