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City Council
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSITION 40 MURRAY-HAYDEN PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE GEORGE SIM COMMUNITY CENTER

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: George Sim Community Center,
6207 Logan Street, Council District 6

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council, by resolution (page 6 & 7), support an application for a Proposition 40 Murray-Hayden Program grant towards expansion of the George Sim Community Center.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 21, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Murray-Hayden Program Urban Youth Services is one of the more significant competitive grant programs funded out of the State Proposition 40 Park and Recreation Bond Act. The recommended project, expansion of the George Sim Community Center, fits the grant criteria and would be competitive. With Council support, staff will request \$2,000,000 from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The grant application deadline is December 15, 2003.



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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) for Parks and Recreation supported expansion of the George Sim Community Center under this grant program at its September 2003 meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) was passed by the voters of California in November 2002. The Bond Act funds the acquisition and development of properties for the state park system, the acquisition and development of neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas, for land, air, and water conservation programs, including acquisition for those purposes, and to acquire, restore, preserve and interpret California's historical and cultural resources.

The Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services Program is one of a number of competitive grant programs that will be funded through the Proposition 40 Bond Act. The program is meant to finance capital projects, including parks, park facilities, environmental enhancement projects, and youth centers that will employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth, and are within immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the State Department of Parks and Recreation as having:

- A critical lack of parks and open space land and/or deteriorated park facilities;
- A shortage of services for youth;
- Significant poverty, and
- Significant unemployment.

Eligible projects include acquisition and development, development and rehabilitation of parks, park facilities, environmental enhancement projects, youth centers, or environmental youth service centers. There is \$47,000,000 statewide as part of this program. Staff is recommending that a project proposal be prepared for the George Sim Community Center Expansion Project in the amount of \$2,000,000. There is currently a funded Capital Improvement Project (LT51) to provide programming, a master plan and construction documents for the expansion of the community center. The grant funds, if received, would be used to fund an initial phase of the community center expansion as identified in the master plan that is currently being developed.

Staff will work to complete necessary environmental documentation, conceptual plans, and other required documentation to be filed with the grant application due December 15, 2003. Staff is currently in the process of developing a master plan for the expansion of the George Sim Community Center, identifying programming needs and holding meetings with the community. This process is anticipated to be complete in mid-November.

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. The George Sim Community Center Expansion Project was tied with the top scoring projects in the 2002 PRPG and scored high in the 2004 Draft PRPG in Planning Area 4, South Sacramento. This project is competitive in that:

- It is located in a planning area with a high park acreage and facility deficiency;
- There is a significant lack of youth related services in the area, outside of the George Sim Center, and
- There is unemployment and poverty within the project service area.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

With Council support, staff will prepare a proposal for \$2,000,000 for a phase of the expansion of the George Sim Community Center. A 30% matching requirement for this grant program was eliminated by Assembly Bill 1747, however, the remaining funds in the existing capital improvement project for the George Sim Community Center Expansion CIP (PN: LT51) will be used as matching funds, which will make the project more competitive as local support for the project can be demonstrated.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Proposition 40 Urban Parks Act Program uses the "CEQA Pending Process." The City is therefore required, at the time of application, to provide at minimum an Initial Study and explain how the project will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

If the project is funded, the City of Sacramento will be required to complete all documentation consistent with CEQA within one year of the grant award.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Support for this proposal is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Strategic Plan in that it preserves and expands parks and recreation opportunities and neighborhoods.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

If the project is funded, the selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for ESBD firms.

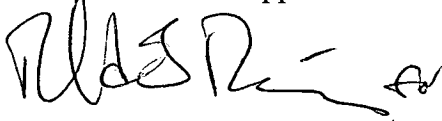
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Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:



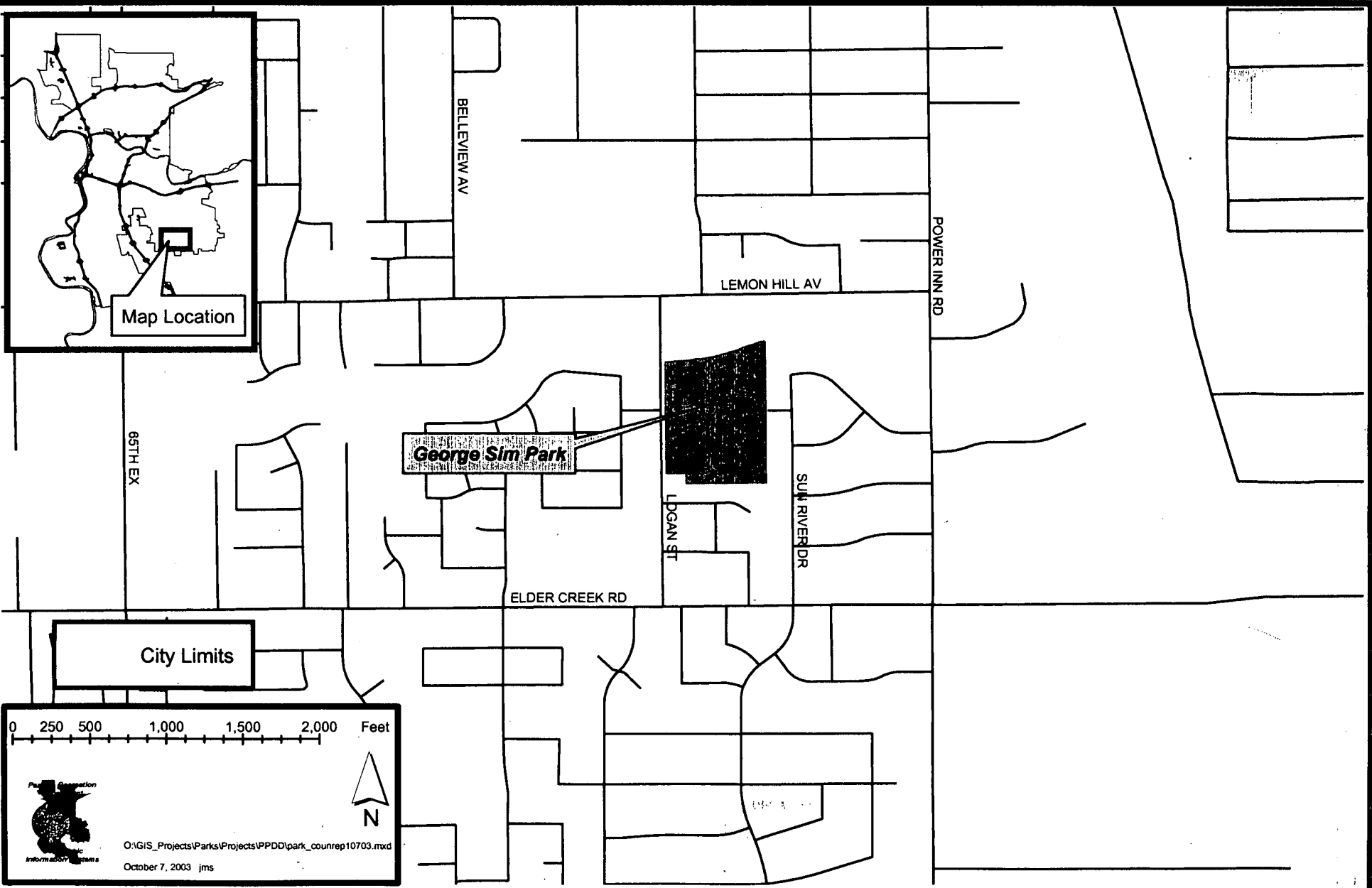
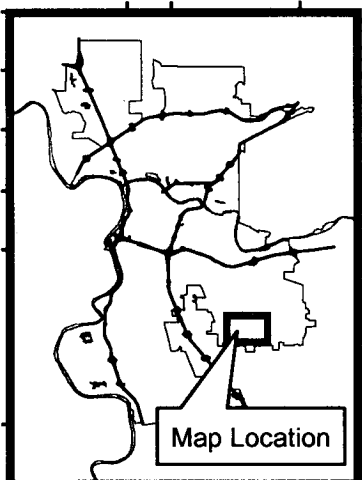
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City Manager

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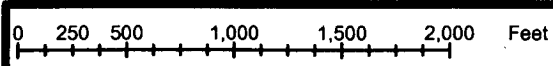


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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-737
ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL
ON THE DATE OF _____



RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE MURRAY-HAYDEN PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR THE GEORGE SIM COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible Applicants; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Murray-Hayden Urban Parks and Youth Service Program and the grant Project shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State, and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California for the Project;

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

The City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for local assistance funds from the Murray-Hayden Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

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4. Certifies that the Project conforms to the recreation element of any applicable city or county general plan; and
5. Appoints the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation or Support Services Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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