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MEMORANDUM

Office of the Mayor

To: City Council

cc: City Manager Tom Williams

From: Mayor Bob Livengood

Subject: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008

Date: December 6, 2008

The above referenced law allows cities to apply for park acquisition and development monies in local neighborhoods that currently do not have parks.

I am asking that the City Council direct staff to actively monitor this legislation and apply for funding at the appropriate time.

I would suggest that staff come back to the City Council before any applications are submitted with a list of possible projects. It would be my desire to include the Temple, Adams, Gadsden and Calaveras neighborhood as a possible project area.

State of California • The Resources Agency
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December 1, 2008

Dear Elected Officials,

This letter is to advise you that the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008 (Statewide Park Program) is a new grant program that will award $368,000,000 on a competitive basis to critically underserved communities across California for the creation of new parks and facilities. The program gives priority to the creation of new parks in neighborhoods where none currently exist.

Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008, which creates the Statewide Park Program, was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 30, 2008. The enabling legislation for the Statewide Park Program will be set forth in Public Resources Code §§ 5640 through 5653.

The following information summarizes the next steps for the Statewide Park Program.

Public Hearings and Comment Period for Draft Guidelines:

The draft guidelines are available on our website at www.parks.ca.gov/grants.

Public Hearings:
The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) is pleased to announce that nine public hearings will be held throughout California in December 2008. The public is invited to attend the hearings to provide comments that will assist OGALS in developing user-friendly guidelines that effectively meet the program's legislative intent.

- There is no cost to attend the public hearings and RSVPs are not required.
- Dates and locations are attached.

Comment Period:
The Public Comment Period begins on December 1, 2008, and ends on January 16, 2009. OGALS must receive all comments by January 16, 2009. Interested parties may send OGALS comments on the draft guidelines by letter, email, or fax.

Send mail to:

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Final Application Guide and Technical Assistance Workshops:
At the conclusion of the Public Comment Period, OGALS will publish the final guidelines and then hold technical assistance workshops throughout the state. These workshops will answer questions about grant application and administrative requirements.

Applications will be due approximately six months after OGALS publishes the final Application Guide. Updates about the Statewide Park Program will be available at www.parks.ca.gov/grants.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting program that will create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities throughout California.

Sincerely,

Sedrick Mitchell
Deputy Director, External Affairs

cc: Patti Keating, Chief, Office of Grants and Local Services

STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS AND DATES

Sacramento Area Orangevale Community Center 6826 Hazel Ave Orangevale, CA 95662 December 4th 9:30-12:30	**Bakersfield Area** South Bakersfield Veterans Hall Room 1 & 2 1905 Wilson Road Bakersfield, CA 93304 December 9th 9:30-12:30
Northern California Area Redding City Hall Civic Center Community Room 777 Cypress Ave Redding, CA 96001 December 5th 1:30-4:30	**Los Angeles Area** Grace Simons Lodge 1025 Elysian Park Drive Los Angeles, CA 90012 December 10th 9:30-12:30
Bay Area Sailboat House at Lakeside Park 568 Bellevue Ave Oakland, CA 94610 December 16th 9:30-12:30	**Inland Empire Area** Victoria Gardens Cultural Center 12505 Cultural Center Dr, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739 December 11th 9:30-12:30
Central Coast Area Salinas Sports Complex Grand Ballroom 1034 N. Main St Salinas, CA 93906 December 17th 9:30-12:30	**San Diego Area** La Colonia Community Center 715 Valley Ave Solana Beach, CA 92075 December 12th 12:30-3:30
Central Valley Area Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center Exhibit Hall, Rooms 2009-2012 848 M Street Fresno, CA 93721 December 18th 9:30-12:30	