



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: February 4, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution assigning the right to apply for Second Supervisorial Specified Excess Funds to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Washington Avenue Tot Lot project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution assigning the right to apply for Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Washington Avenue Tot Lot project.

Background: Staff has been informed that Los Angeles County Supervisorial District Two has selected a project to receive Specified Excess Funds. The project is a \$100,000 allocation to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust for the Washington Avenue Tot Lot project. The project involves development of the park including installation of play equipment, a splash pad, paving, fencing, and construction of a new public restroom. The total estimated project cost is \$700,000. The Specified Excess Funds will be supplemented by a \$600,000 grant from the First Five L.A. fund. Information provided to staff about the project is attached.

A portion of Proposition A Excess Funds are designated for the five highest priority regional open space and recreation projects defined in the measure, i.e. the "Big Five". These funds are split between the five supervisorial districts, but each of the priority projects has a designated recipient in the measure. If the designated recipient is not implementing a new project, they must formally assign the right to those funds to another entity. In this case, the designated recipient for expenditure of the subject sub-account of excess funds is the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The entity to whom MRCA assigns funds would enter into a Project Agreement directly with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and no further work is required of the MRCA. Assigning the right to these funds reduces the amount of Excess Funds potentially available to the MRCA.