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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: March 2, 2016

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing augmentation of the design services contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for the Franklin/Ivar Park project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing augmentation of the contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates for design services for the Franklin/Ivar Park project in the amount of \$19,285.

Background: The Franklin/Ivar Park project will convert a vacant 3/4-acre lot owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy into a natural park in the heart of urban Hollywood. The site is downslope from a freeway ramp and in a densely populated area. Elements of Franklin/Ivar Park include an amphitheater for both scheduled and impromptu performances, California-native plant demonstration garden, picnic area and play elements for young children.

The base contract for the Landscape Architectural services for this project was approved in September 2012 and subsequently augmented in May 2015 for additional engineering services. The project went out to bid in mid-2015, however all bids received exceeded the project's funding. Staff has pursued additional funding from a variety of sources, including a competitive entry in the L.A.2050 campaign. At this time it is not feasible to secure enough funding to build the existing design and the most expeditious way to a completed and open park is to greatly simplify the design. The current proposal from Mia Lehrer + Associates is to provide additional landscape architectural services which will include reducing the amphitheater significantly, preparing a new grading plan, the revision of all construction documents, and permitting.

Consideration: The proposed action would authorize an augmentation of the contract with Mia Lehrer + Associates in the amount of \$19,285 for a total not to exceed amount of \$167,365.50.