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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

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

DATE: September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds for Franklin/Ivar Park improvements.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant application to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Proposition 84 funds in the amount of \$25,000 for Franklin/Ivar Park improvements.

Background: The Franklin/Ivar Park project will convert a vacant .75-acre lot owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy into a natural park in the heart of urban Hollywood. Elements of Franklin/Ivar Park include pedestrian walkways, small amphitheater with seating, California-native plant landscaping, picnic area, play elements for children, and other park amenities. The project is funded by grants from California State Parks and the Natural Resources Agency.

Construction on the park began in November 2016, and is now nearly complete. A few small additions to the park are desired to increase the usability of the space. Primarily, the addition of 3-5 strategically placed larger trees would increase the amount of shade for park patrons. MRCA crews are needed to provide some finishing touches to things that are not typically part of the general contractor's scope of work, such as park signs and trash receptacles.

Consideration: The grant application is for \$25,000 of Proposition 84 funds.

Fiscal Impact: The addition of 3-5 more trees is not expected to have a noticeable impact on the maintenance cost of the park. If the subject funding is not secured, the trees will not be added, but the other work will need to be funded through the general fund or the community facilities district.