



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing: (a) the acquisition of APNs 5580-020-012 and 013 (approximately 1.35 acres) 2630 and 2700 Canyon Drive, Griffith Park adjacent and (b) the acceptance of private donations and public funds, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APNs 5580-020-012 and 013 (approximately 1.35 acres) 2630 and 2700 Canyon Drive, Griffith Park adjacent and the acceptance of private donations and public funds.

Background: The two subject parcels are located at the Canyon Drive entrance to Griffith Park that is owned and managed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. The forested parcels provide a 400-hundred-foot-long bucolic viewshed entering the park. They are connected to the 5,000-plus-acre park ecosystem.

A group of local residents is negotiating a contract on the listed properties in hopes of transferring the acquisition rights to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). That group is also raising the funding through private sources. An MRCA ranger inspected the property in January. The local residents are working with the City's Department of Recreation and Parks and the Fourth District Council Office to secure assurance that the City will take responsibility for the annual brush clearance as part of its park operations. The majority of the site has to be brushed, most weed whipping grass on the steep slope.

The only costs to the MRCA would be closing costs and legal staff time to be funded by the one of the MRCA Community Facilities Districts. A map of the properties is attached.